



**Augusta Circle Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 2017
ACE Library
7:00pm**

MINUTES

PRESENT: 40 people

I. Call to Order

Co-President, Elizabeth Palmer, called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

II. Co-Presidents

A. Welcome and Introductions

Elizabeth and Mary Duff Rayneri welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She reminded those present to sign in, take a copy of the agenda, the last General Membership Meeting's minutes, and the proposed 2017-2018 budget.

B. General Business

1. PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Elizabeth directed everyone to the minutes from the last General Membership Meeting. She called for a motion to approve the May 22, 2017 General Membership Meeting minutes.

Anna Barnett moved that the May 22, 2017 General Membership Meeting minutes be approved. Anna Kate Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Approval of New SIC Members

Elizabeth and Mary Duff presented Anna Barnett, Marie Richards, Jenna Shive, and Shannon Herman as the nominated 2017-2018 SIC representatives. A motion was called to approve the members as presented.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentation of 2017-2018 ACE PTA Executive Committee

Elizabeth introduced the 2017-2018 PTA Executive Committee and asked that they stand after being introduced. Co-Presidents Elect: Anna Barnett and Marie Richards; Treasurer: Stephanie Wilkins; Treasurer Elect: Jamie Bach; Secretary: Emily A. Patrick; VP of Communications: Katie Phipps; VP of Enrichment: Christa Likes; VP of Programs: Margaret Bouton; VP of Ways and Means: Stephanie Covington.

III. Treasurer

A. 2017-2018 Budget Presentation

Treasurer, Stephanie Wilkins, noted that the books were closed the entire month of July for an audit and were re-opened August 1, 2017. Stephanie reported that the beginning balance of the Operating Account was \$61,454.86. The Family Partnership Fund opened with \$6,763.25 and the Money Market Account began with a balance of \$35,550.72. She reported that \$21,657 has already been received for Operations from incentives programs, apparel sales, the PTA membership drive, student directory sales, and the Soaring Eagles Campaign. To date, \$19,056 has been spent from the Operations Administration and Committees Account for meet the teacher packets, Accelerated Reader renewal, Kindergarten bags, landscape maintenance, publications, and staff support. Stephanie asked if there were any questions regarding the 2017-2018 budget. Co-President, Elizabeth Palmer, asked for a motion to approve the 2017-2018 budget as presented.

Marie Richards moved that the 2017-2018 ACE PTA budget be approved. Anna Kate Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Secretary

A. Logging Volunteer Hours

Secretary, Emily Patrick, asked that ACE volunteers who work outside the school or before/after school to please report their hours either in the notebook at the front office or by emailing Emily at emily28@gmail.com. Total volunteer hours are used for year-end reports.

V. Enrichment

A. Reflections

Mary Duff reported for Chair, Laura Jones, that this year's Reflections theme is "Within Reach". The Reflections contest is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students are encouraged to participate and can submit entries in as many of the categories as they would like. Original art can be submitted in dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts. Registration packet delivery and submission dates have been pushed back due to schools being closed for Hurricane Irma. The new dates will be announced soon.

VI. Programs

A. Safe Routes to School

VP of Programs, Margaret Bouton, spoke on behalf of Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Elaine Barnhill. She noted Safe Routes to School is a nationwide initiative that promotes safety in and around schools. The first event of the year will be Walk and Wheel Day on October 4th. She encouraged students to participate by walking or riding their bike/scooter to school on October 4th. Students who live farther away can join with a walking group by parking at a designated spot and walking/riding to school that morning. Information on walking groups will be available soon and a flyer with more details was distributed to the group.

B. Red Ribbon Week

Margaret announced that Red Ribbon Week will be October 23rd – 27th. The goal of the week is to promote the importance and the fun in choosing a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. This year's theme will be announced soon, as well as more information on activities that will take place during the week.

VII. Ways and Means

A. Raise Craze

Stephanie Covington, VP of Ways and Means, spoke on this year's Raise Craze event, which will be held September 22nd – October 6th. The purpose of Raise Craze is fundraising through service. She noted that last year's Raise Craze raised \$40,000 for Augusta Circle through 4,000 acts of service. The kick-off event will be held during school on September 22nd. During the Raise Craze event, service opportunities will be available at school as well as suggestions for service opportunities in the community. This year, classroom incentives will be given for 50, 75, 150, and 200 acts of service reached as a class. During morning carpool drop off, they will be collecting items for the Greenville Humane Society, Loaves and Fishes, and Greenville's Gift. Parent's will need to set-up an account on the website to log acts of service for their children.

B. Fall Family Night

Co-Chair, Mae Todd Mullins, spoke on Fall Family Night, which will have a picnic theme this year and will be held September 26th from 5:30-7:00pm on the ACE Playground. Chick-fil-A will be available for dinner and TCBY will be available for dessert. A flyer went home last week with information on how to pre-order dinner. Only pre-ordered dinners will be available. TCBY will be available for purchase the night of the event. The teacher time silent auction will be a part of this year's event. Raise Craze service stations will be set-up on the playground as well. Mae Todd encouraged everyone to attend Fall Family Night.

C. Incentives

Stephanie announced that the next ACE Spirit Night will be held at Moe's on Augusta from 5:00pm-8:00pm on Thursday, September 28th. A portion of the night's proceeds will go to Augusta Circle. Future spirit nights are in the works and will be announced soon. Box Tops are due October 13th and can be sent in with your child to the classroom or brought to the front office. Publix School cards are also available at the front office.

VIII. Co-Presidents

A. Closing Remarks

Elizabeth and Mary Duff thanked everyone for attending the meeting. They announced the next PTA General Membership Meeting will be held on November 9th at 6:00pm. Rick Floyd will talk about Internet safety. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily A. Patrick

Secretary 2017-2018

Augusta Circle Elementary School PTA Executive Committee