

Thursday, January 11, 2018

John Rex PTA General Meeting Minutes

John Rex Elementary PTA General Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2018 @6:00 p.m.
500 N. Sheridan, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Members Present: 48

President Amy Sherry Fischer called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

President Amy Sherry Fischer started the meeting with a statement from the PTA Board of Directors regarding the recent School Board Member issue (see attachment).

Secretary Mary Ann Osko reviewed minutes from the September 7, 2017 general meeting. Jamie Winteroth motioned to approve, Kelly Masters-Newton seconded and all approved.

Ms. Fischer presented financials. She also announced that Treasurer Scott Delaney had moved to Dallas and Chris Kavanaugh was appointed by the board to fill in through April 19, 2018.

Aaron Mooney motioned to approve the financials, Marilyn Davidson seconded and all approved.

Head of School Dr. Joe Pierce introduced the new Assistant Head of School for Middle School, Patrick Duffy. Dr. Pierce announced that Intent to Re-Enroll forms would be included in Thursday Folders to help prepare staffing and number of open seats. Forms are due January 26, 2019. Sibling Enrollment Week will be January 29th - February 2nd. He emphasized that the school will still need a complete enrollment packet or seats will be forfeited. Applications for new families will be available February 5th and the school will use an online management system for lottery applications. Enrollment will wrap up in early March. The school will host an Open House for prospective families on January 21st from 2-4 pm.

Dr. Pierce announced that Enrichment Clusters had started. He said next year's calendar had not been finalized, but it should be similar. He welcomed any input. To address illnesses that had been spreading, Dr. Pierce said the salad bar would be moved away from the line and served to students. There will be no school on MLK Day.

Dr. Pierce announced that the School Board will host a special meeting regarding the Board Member issue. An agenda was posted on the office door. The school is posting additional board information on the website, including meeting dates, previous meeting minutes and more.

Dean of Students Melodie Fulmer asked parents to check the Lost and Found for missing items and reminded them to put names on coats, hats, gloves and other items. She addressed questions about uniforms, saying the policy on the website has not changed.

Ms. Fulmer thanked the community for stepping up to help three John Rex families who had suffered tragedies during the holidays. Hunsucker Law Firm, Jamie Dunn Construction and

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Lamar all stepped up to “adopt” these families and provide holiday gifts. Also, Paramount Theater paid off all negative lunch balances.

Ms. Fischer gave the Membership Report, encouraging members to ask their spouses and friends to join. Currently, the PTA has 211 members and 460 students.

Ms. Fischer also gave the Parental Involvement Report, announcing that Valentine’s Day parties will be on February 14th and more info will be coming from Class Reps.

Vice President Jennifer Thurman asked parents to submit yearbook photos at <http://frontieryearbookteam.com/johnrex.html>. She also announced that Maggie Howell Dowd and Jaricha Scales had volunteered to chair the Diversity Committee and welcomed people to join.

Ways and Means Committee Chair Kelly Masters-Newton announced PTA Board elections will be held in April and encouraged members to run for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Fundraising Chair Lesley Martin announced that the Plant Sale went very well, raising \$3,500. Give Back Nights are going well too, having already raised \$800 of the \$850 goal. The next Give Back Night will be held at Kendra Scott on January 18th from 6-8 pm, with 20% of sales going to the PTA. Urban Johnnie will also host a Give Back Night soon. Ms. Martin said that although the Fall Festival is not typically a moneymaker, it raised \$1,100 for the PTA.

Ms. Martin announced that Fuel Up will be held March 2nd at Skyline in Bricktown and urged people to volunteer for the event, secure sponsorships, and gather auction items. Ms. Martin said Box Tops had raised over \$600 and reminded parents to sign up for Amazon Smile, which donates a portion of purchases to John Rex.

Ms. Fischer gave the President’s Report, beginning with a call for parents to subscribe to the school calendar at <http://johnrexschoolcalendar.org/calendar/>. She briefly gave the floor to Jenna Harlow, who thanked volunteers at Donuts With Dad and Holiday Pajama Movie Night. Ms. Harlow asked for volunteers for the upcoming Muffins For Mom.

Ms. Fischer announced that Ms. Melman had spearheaded the Canned Food Drive in December, which collected 1,838 cans. The third grade brought in the most cans at 400.

In Other Business, Ms. Fischer thanked the John Rex community for all their kindness toward others and highlighted a story involving a foster family seeking clothing donations and a John Rex family who immediately fulfilled their need.

Maggie Howell Dowd announced that anyone interested in the Board Member issue would be welcome to join the Rocket Parents No Hate group. The group is meeting at The Garage immediately following the PTA meeting. All are welcome, regardless of position on the issue.

Ms. Fischer announced elections will be held at the next PTA meeting on April 19th.

Ms. Fischer adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

PTA Board of Directors Statement:

“As it has always been in the past and will continue to be, the John Rex PTA is pro children, pro families, and pro John Rex School. The John Rex PTA opposes discrimination against and bullying of any of our students or families, including against our school’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) families.

In light of recent events involving the school and a member of its Board of Directors, the PTA Executive Board wants parents to know that the PTA cannot, and will not, take a position. If the John Rex PTA were to take a position, the John Rex PTA would run the risk of the state revoking the John Rex PTA charter and the John Rex PTA losing the 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

The John Rex PTA encourages parents who wish to take a position on this or any other issue to do so. Information concerning the John Rex School’s Board of Directors and how to contact them can be found at <http://johnrexschool.org/faculty/board-of-directors/>.”

**John Rex PTA
Income & Expense 07/01/2017 - 01/11/2018**

Carry Forward from Prior Year 30,592.45

A Membership	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Net
Annual Membership Dues	925.00	-	925.00
State & National Dues Payable	-	720.00	-720.00
Total	925.00	720.00	205.00

B Fundraisers / Other Income	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Net
Amazon Smile	27.75	-	27.75
Box Tops	620.90	-	620.90
Canes	-	-	-
Donations	113.09	-	113.09
Fall Carnival - Expenses	-	2,144.25	-2,144.25
Fall Carnival - Ticket & Raffle	3,287.52	-	3,287.52
Freddies	-	-	-
Fuel Up - Expenses	-	600.00	-600.00
Fuel Up - Income	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Hideaway	162.90	-	162.90
Jump Rope for Heart	-	-	-
Kendra Scott	494.15	-	494.15
Merchandise	9,182.00	5,123.23	4,058.77
Poinsettias/Wreath(&sale prizes)	7,990.00	4,468.40	3,521.60
S&B Burgers	139.50	-	139.50
Uniform Sale	318.00	-	318.00
Wine and Pallete	-	-	-
Total	24,335.81	12,335.88	11,999.93

C Services	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Net
Advocacy	-	-	-
Beautification	-	900.00	-900.00
Child Assistance Fund	-	-	-
Classroom Reps	-	-	-
Classroom Supplies(gift cards)	-	4,550.00	-4,550.00
Contingency	-	-	-
Diversity	-	-	-
Enrichment Clusters	-	-	-
Fifth Grade Class Project	-	-	-
Health Wellness	-	-	-
Hospitality	24.00	425.75	-401.75
Mini-Grants	-	-	-
PET Proj.(PE, Extended Cu, Tech)	-	-	-
Photography	-	-	-

Program	-	-	-
Safety	-	851.67	-851.67
Staff Appreciation	-	1,892.25	-1,892.25
Volunteers	-	-	-
Total	24.00	8,619.67	-8,595.67

D Admin	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Net
Annual CPA Audit	-	-	-
Bank Service Fees	-	52.95	-52.95
Change Funds	800.00	400.00	400.00
Chargebacks	-	-	-
Communication	-	-	-
Insurance	-	365.00	-365.00
Postage	-	-	-
Printing & Misc Executive	-	-	-
Software Licensing	-	166.95	-166.95
Website	-	226.20	-226.20
Total	800.00	1,211.10	-411.10

PayPal Fees	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Net
PayPal Fees	1.02	331.57	-330.55
Total	1.02	331.57	-330.55

Unassigned	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Net
Miscellaneous	2,561.76	2,311.76	250.00
Total	2,561.76	2,311.76	250.00

GRAND TOTAL	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Net
	28,647.59	25,529.98	3,117.61

Increase in Funds			3,117.61
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Funds Available as of 01/11/2018			33,710.06
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