

John Rex PTA General Meeting Minutes DRAFT

John Rex Elementary PTA General Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2018 @6:00 p.m.
500 N. Sheridan, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Members Present: 42

President Maggie Howell-Dowd called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. She introduced new PTA board executives and announced the PTA's No. 1 goal is to increase membership.

Head of School/Superintendent Dr. Joe Pierce announced Curriculum Night was well attended and teachers have slides if parents were unable to be there. He announced the next School Board meeting will be held at noon on September 20th at John Rex. He also suggested that any parents interested in helping with the school recycling program should contact Marcus Dyer.

Dr. Pierce announced the Fun Run raised \$33,326, which will go toward the Maker Space, playground equipment, AEDs, charging cards, sound system, professional development and teacher salary supplementation. He thanked top-level sponsors, including Allen Contracting, Verbode and Oklahoma T-Shirt Company.

Dr. Pierce provided an update on the Middle School, highlighting personalized electives such as 3D printing, boat house activities, guitars and green screens. He closed by encouraging parents to pick up new John Rex brochures detailing the "John Rex Way" and recommending parents read the book "Parenting with Love and Logic."

Director of Elementary Education Heather Zacarias provided an update on the elementary school, reminding parents the school releases early on Wednesdays to allow teachers time to focus on professional development, such as curriculum compacting, project-based learning and guided reading groups. She announced families would be receiving more student progress updates based on feedback from the end-of-year survey. The first update will go out on September 27th, along with information from the State Report. Students at John Rex met or exceeded state ELA and math for grades 3, 4 and 5.

Ms. Zacarias also announced Specials will be more aligned and thematic, based on feedback from the parent survey, and a new Specials section has been added to the John Rex newsletter. Ms. Zacarias closed by providing information on the new Maker Space that has been made possible through a \$25,000 donation from a downtown partner. The space will provide students additional educational opportunities in science, engineering and math, and parents are encouraged to donate LEGOS, erector sets, etc.

Ms. Howell-Dowd presented the proposed budget (see attachment). She pointed out the PET projects budget had been increased and split in two categories, and a new line item had been added for Rex Fest. Aaron Mooney motioned to approve the budget, Barbie Greer seconded, and all approved.

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Diversity Committee Chair Jaricha Scales announced International Explorers Week will focus on countries represented at John Rex and take place November 6th-8th. She called for volunteers to help with the event and invited parents to attend a planning meeting at 4 p.m. on September 20th at John Rex.

Safety Committee Chair Aaron Mooney announced a new drop off/pick up map has been posted on the school website and applications are being accepted for a crossing guard.

Vice President Lydia Arguello announced the Beautification Committee is hosting a school cleanup day at 9 a.m. on Saturday and thanked Catherine Cunningham for volunteering to serve as the PTA's middle school liaison.

Fall Festival Committee Chair Marilyn Davidson distributed informational fliers on the event scheduled for September 28th and called for volunteers.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Committee Chair Maja McGuire called for ideas and help with distributing gift baskets in December.

Ms. Howell-Dowd provided an update on Fuel Up, noting it will serve as the kickoff for the PTA's new fundraiser, Rex Fest, in April. More information will be provided at the January PTA meeting.

Plant Sale Committee Chair Elissa Dyer announced fliers will be distributed tomorrow and electronic sales will be accepted this year. She called for volunteers to unload delivery trucks.

Membership Chair Amy Sherry Fischer asked for Uniform Sale donations and announced the sale will be on October 11th during parent/teacher conferences.

Free Money Committee Chair Jamie Winteroth encouraged members to consider purchasing items from Tuft & Needle, Amazon Smile and other businesses that donate a portion of proceeds to a designated nonprofit, such as John Rex. Upcoming Give Back Nights include Iguana Lounge on October 8th, Tuckers (23rd Street location) on November 6th, and Hey Day in January.

Ms. Howell-Dowd provided information on the pledge cards distributed at the meeting and asked parents to consider pledging \$1 per school day, per student for a total of \$172/year to ensure PTA has the funding it needs to continue supporting the school.

Communications Chair Kristin Shamas listed ways for parents to stay informed about the PTA, including the website, newsletter and Facebook page.

Brenda Hernandez motioned to adjourn, Nikki Kuhn seconded, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

ATTACHMENT

John Rex PTA
 Proposed Annual Budget 07/01/2018 - 06/30/2019
 6.7.2018

A Membership	Actual Income	BudgetIncome	Actual Expense
Annual Membership Dues	1,215.00	1,250.00	-
State & National Dues Payable	-	-	720
Total		1,250.00	
B Fundraisers / Other Income	Actual Income	Budget Income	Actual Expense
Urban Johnnie BB	269.91	250	-
Kona Ice-Moore	283	250	-
Amazon Smile	52.59	50	-
Box Tops	967.1	500	-
Canes	-	50	-
Donations	363.09	150	-
Fall Carnival - Expenses	-	-	2,144.25
Fall Carnival - Ticket & Raffle	3,287.52	3,500.00	-
Freddies	-	50	-
Fuel Up - Expenses	-	-	6,005.92
Fuel Up - Income	50,025.00	65,000.00	-
Hideaway	162.9	150	-
Jump Rope for Heart	-	3,000.00	-
Kendra Scott	1,091.63	500	-
Merchandise	10,307.00	12,000.00	5,897.65
Poinsettias/Wreath(&sale prizes)	7,990.00	7,500.00	4,468.40
S&B Burgers	139.5	200	-
Uniform Sale	343	300	25
Wine and Pallete	-	2,500.00	-
Total		95,950.00	
C Services	Actual Income	Budget Income	Actual Expense
Advocacy	-	-	-
Beautification	-	-	1,980.00
Child Assistance Fund	-	-	-
Classroom Reps	-	-	-
Classroom Supplies(gift cards)	-	-	4,550.00
Contingency	-	-	-
Diversity	-	-	-
Enrichment Clusters	105	-	1,028.97
Fifth Grade Class Project	-	-	-
Health Wellness	-	-	-
Hospitality	115	100	866.25
Mini-Grants	-	-	-
PET Proj.(PE, Extended Cu, Tech)	-	-	20,000.00
Photography	-	-	-
Program	-	-	-
Safety	-	-	976.67
Staff Appreciation	100	-	4,492.29