

Kolter Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) General Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 20, 2010

Members Present: 41 members present (see attached sign-in sheet)

Call to order:

President, Anne Hodgson, called the meeting to order at the Kolter Elementary Cafeteria on September 20, 2010 at 6:34 PM. A quorum was present.

President Hodgson welcomed attendees and presented the new positions (3)- grant writing chair, GLC chair & Power Up chair and new chairs.

Minutes: Secretary's report: Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield, Secretary

1. Ms. Angela Roth motioned to waive reading of August 2010 General Meeting minutes. Motion seconded. Membership voted. Motion approved.
2. Ms. Laura Nepveux motioned to approve August 2010 General Meeting minutes. Motion seconded. Membership voted. Motion approved.

Officer's Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report: Ms. Angie Pettigrew, Treasurer

1. Ms. Pettigrew explained the treasurer's report will be postponed due to computer issues.
2. Ms. Pettigrew reported to date financials are: \$4900 through membership campaign, 283 members paid dues, \$1780 donations this year, entertainment sales are down. However, Lisa Sutton took the floor and reported that Kolter made another \$1,000.00 in sales today and expects numbers to rise.
3. Ms. Pettigrew reported the Sally Foster gift cards use & projections.
4. Ms. Pettigrew reported on financials of school supplies, directory advertisement, awaiting results of Gugliani's Spirit Night.

New Business:

President Hodgson reported the new chairs Ms. Gilbo motioned to approve the presented PTO Board. Motion was seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

1. Ms. Lisa Sutton, VIPS chair, presented the Fall Fundraiser. She explained that the sales traditionally come in the last week. Ms. Sutton requested volunteers to assist in book distribution. 3rd grade student, Blake Estefan, proud parents Ron & Josey presented an award for selling the most books, Level E, AKA 40 books. Blake then presented to the PTO group how to sell the Kolter Entertainment books.
2. Stacy Schwartzberg & Rhonda Gilbo presented information for the 50th Anniversary Events. \$6.00 is the cost for non-Kolter students. The event will take place just as it has in year's past with foods from all regions. Bounce house and many kid friendly events will occur as well. The Saturday event will be adults only at the Houston City Club at \$75.00 per person. Alumni will be present from over the 50 years. Ms. Schwartzberg reported that information will be coming weekly. The committee will be continuing its sponsorship levels. Melissa Kalmans spoke of the auction in conjunction with the event. Ms. Kalmans presented a few results: Taste of Texas, The Melting Pot, etc. Ms. Kalmans also requested that any parent who owns a business or knows of somebody who might contribute to please provide that information. Ms. Kalmans announced the meeting for the auction committee takes place on Wednesday mornings at 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria and anyone interested in attending, please come.

3. Ms. Marcy Laviage reported on the Power Up Campaign and getting Kolter up to speed in technology. Ms. Laviage discussed this campaign focus is garnering support from corporate sponsors. Kolter wants the entire campus to be wireless, every class to have a smart board and computers continuously updated, plus 4 computer minimum in classrooms. Ms. Laviage reported that approximately another \$100,000 is needed to get the campus updated. Ms. Laviage requested anyone interested in joining the committee to please email her.
4. Ms. Rhonda Gilbo discussed the directory information, ad prices and current progresses. Discussion regarding the well wishes not just applying to 5th graders but to all Kolter students.
5. Ellen Tagmeier presented all the newly updated incentives where benefits can be received simply by shopping at the locations- Randall's, Amazon, Escrip.com, Target Redcard, and an everyday web searches support called GoodSearch. All these programs benefit the school with a percentage of the sales/use.

Principal's Report: Ms. Stewart, Kolter Principal

1. Ms. Stewart reported on the Breakfast in Classes program and how the program has been delayed several times. Pending more information that will come.
2. Ms. Stewart discussed the Millionaire club program and how the program will take place at 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Jimmy Winn, Toy Cannon, will be present at the event.
3. Ms. Roth requested a call out or gentle reminder about safety/crossing the streets.

Announcements

1. Christine Vetrano discussed the PTO Social as an opportunity to get together and socialize with other parents.
2. Angela Roth reported Wednesday, 22nd will be the first after work “work” day event. The plan is to remove grass and plant lots of bluebonnet seeds. Ms. Roth provided that tours will be provided for the various gardens. Tour- Wednesday, Sept 29 at noon, Friday Oct 1 after drop-off, same day at 2:30. Ms. Shong needs assistance getting the gardens ready for planting/harvested events.
3. President Hodgson reported for Abbie Chuo regarding the school store hours will be: Tuesday 7:45-8:15 & Wednesday 2:45 – 3:15.
4. Ms. Stacy Schwartzberg reported on Magnet Awareness which will take place after the 50th. Tours are given 2 times a day that week. Ms. Schwartzberg requested any volunteers/assistance for tours and helping with some breakfast/service support.
5. Ms. Laura Nepveux reported on Spirit Night. The Gugliani's event was very well received. The next one will take place at Auntie Pasto's on October 5, 4-10 p.m.

Old Business:

None.

Ms. Colleen Naff motioned to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Meeting minutes compiled by:

Cyndi Ruiz-Mansfield, Kolter PTO Secretary