

Spicewood Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
February 22, 2018 6:00pm

1. Call to Order

a. Erin Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:10pm

2. Secretary Jenny Rusk presented minutes from January 2018 – minutes are approved as read.

3. VP Membership - Kara Cubbage

Current Membership Count: 620 members

5 New Members in month of January. Spicewood has over 800 students so they are looking for new ideas on how to increase membership for next year.

Spicewood could earn the Membership Award if 10 new members join in January.

4. Treasurer's Report presented by Kara Cubbage (Rosa York on maternity leave)

a. Beginning Balance January 2018 \$79,163.83; Total income was \$1,587.80; Total expenses were \$6,306.16 with an ending balance of \$74,445.47 as of 01/31/2018.

5. New Business

a. OWON is February 27, 2018 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Spicewood Cafeteria. This is a great way to explore and learn about other countries and cultures.

b. Carnival – Carnival is Friday April 20, 2018 from 4-8pm. Because Spicewood families have been so generous this year, PTA does not need to make this a major fundraiser. Wristbands will go on sale on March 30, 2018 for \$15 and after April 11, 2018 for \$20. There will be Carnival games, inflatables, obstacle course, sports, cake walk, live music and more.

6. Budget Amendments

a. Erin Oliver moves to increase line item "Running Club" from \$400.00 to \$425.00. Bea Gunz Casco-Arias seconds, motion passes unanimously. There was an increase in t-shirt prices so the budget needed to be increased.

b. Erin Oliver moves to increase line item "Math Pentathlon" from \$500 to \$570 to accommodate new rule of coaches being fingerprinted this year. Manisha Gupta seconds, motion passes unanimously.

c. Erin moves to increase line item "Reflections" from \$100.00 to \$160.00. Bea Gunz Casco-Arias seconds, motion passes unanimously.

d. Erin moves to increase line item "Educational Foundations (PIE)" from \$150.00 to \$256.66. Vanessa Neves seconds, motion passes unanimously.

- e. Erin moves to increase line item "Literacy Library" from \$7500.00 to \$11,500.00. Literacy Library has not been updated in years. A committee was formed to revamp the library with new books and supplies to run library. Over 1800 brand new books. Kara Cabbage seconds, motion passes unanimously.
- f. Erin moves to increase line item "Silent Auction Dedicated Expenses" from \$28,000 to \$31,000 for Wobble stools (flexible seating) for Renee Harvey seconds, motion passes.
- g. Erin moves to increase "Destination Imagination" from \$500 to \$703.75 because registration fees were raised, and a one time charge of a teacher reimbursement for opening the school for practice. Manisha Gupta seconds, motion passes.

7. Announcements

- a. Renee Harvey reads the rules for nominating committee and process.
- b. You can nominate yourself or someone else but must be present at the meeting. Erin opened the floor for nominations for committee. Kara Cabbage nominated Manisha Gupta. Laura Denbar nominated Bethany Hammonds. Vanessa Neves nominated herself. Laura Denbar volunteered to be the Alternate.
- c. Erin moves to elect Manisha Gupta, Bethany Hammonds and Vanessa Neves with Alternate Laura Denbar to Nominating Committee. Beatriz Gunz Casco-Arias seconds, motion passes unanimously.
- d. Question was asked by Vanessa Neves about need for second counselor at Spicewood. Carole Callaghan was able to petition a second Spanish teacher. Erin Oliver looked into how PTA could petition for a new counselor. Spicewood has 815 students with one counselor. Other schools have numerous counselors with lower #s but they were Title 1 schools and received more funding. Erin Oliver is going to do more research and meet with Ms. Kim to find out other steps that could be taken to petition or receive funding for another counselor. She encourages any other parent who is interested to join her.
- e. Discussion was had over recent school shootings on cameras and what security, preparation that Spicewood does to inform and protect our students. One idea was brought up to discuss door stoppers for all the teachers to block their rooms if needed. This subject will continue to

be discussed in the future meetings.

February 27: One World One Night

March 6: 1st Grade Spirit Night at MOD Pizza

March 12-16: Spring Break

March 30: School Holiday

April 12: PTA General Meeting & Election

April 17: 5th Grade Spirit Night at Double Dave's

April 20: Spring Carnival

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm by Erin Oliver