



Condit Elementary PTO

Minutes of the February 19, 2020 PTO meeting

Call to Order: Amira Staller called meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. in the Condit MPR.

Ms. Amira Staller asked members to review the January 15, 2020 meeting minutes available online. Amira Staller asked for a motion to approve them into record. Lindsay Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes and Rachel Auwarter seconded the motion. There were no opposing hands raised in the audience.

Officer Reports

Treasurer Edie Efron distributed the current PTO budget. Box Tops was the line item with the biggest change at \$558.60. Please scan your grocery receipts within 2 weeks of shopping and Box Tops will credit us. Book Fair was very successful, but the income line looks strange because we took the scholastic dollars instead of cash. We have a few more dollars coming in for RFTS Family and Business. Please email receipts to: conditptotreasurer@gmail.com for reimbursement or submit paper copies.

Committee Reports

Condit PTO By-Laws, Amira Staller: There is a proposal to amend the By-Laws for a Treasurer-Elect position. Two copies of the By-Laws were at the meeting as well as a print-out describing the Treasurer-Elect position in detail. This position would be the understudy to the current Treasurer for one year prior to taking the position. The Treasurer position is a 2-year position. The Treasurer-elect will be voted in every other year and would automatically assume the Treasurer position once the current Treasurer vacates the position. We will be voting on this amendment at the next PTO meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020.

Nominating Committee, Amira Staller: The nominating committee is currently in the process of filling next year's board positions. There are currently four board positions open and there will be five if the Treasure-Elect position is approved. The available board positions are:

- Reach for the Stars Family – Finance
- VP of Volunteers
- VP of Social/Community Service
- VP of School Services/Support
- Treasurer-Elect (if approved)

If you are interested in any of the board positions, please contact Esther Puig at epuig13@gmail.com.

Interesting Discovery, Amira Staller: If you visit the Condit PTO website and click on the "Calendar" drop-down and select "PTO Calendar," there is a "Digital Subscription Option" at the bottom of the calendar. You can select "iCal" and it will download the Condit PTO calendar into your calendar on your mobile device.

Chicken Coop, Amira Staller: The chicken coop is almost complete, and it is located outside on of where the cow statue is located. 4th graders currently have chicken eggs incubating and we're hoping to keep some of the chicks.

They will be putting in full-grown hens soon. One of the auction items is the naming rights to the chicken coop and this cost can be shared with another family.

No-Show Gala, Amira Staller: The auction opens at 6AM on Thursday, February 20th. You must register on the site with a credit card before the start of the auction. There are a lot of fun items up for sale: sports tickets, Jazzfest, teacher experiences, parent parties, etc.

Condit Art Car, Amira Staller: The 33rd annual art car parade will take place on April 18th from 2-4PM. Condit's 2020 theme is "Condit Cat Walk." Condit's original art car will be draped with a red-carpet runway where fashionable, student-decorated cat figurines will be lined up. The sides of the car will have gold stars, like the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Each star will have a graduating 5th grader's name as well as some inspirational quotes. All students and Condit families are invited to come watch the parade and there will be an art car decorating day after Spring Break. The No-Show Gala also has spots for sale to walk with the Condit Art Car in the parade.

Generation Serve, Leah Madoff: Guest Leah Madoff spoke about a NPO offering community volunteering for kids ages 3-17. All programs are free, but donations are welcome. The program helps kids develop kindness, empathy and leadership. Volunteering early helps aid kids in volunteering throughout their lives. For kids ages 3-17, it is a family volunteering effort where kids volunteer alongside their parents. They also have a teen volunteering program for middle and high school where kids volunteer independently. The website, generationservehtx.org, has a calendar of volunteer opportunities with times available in the evenings and weekends. You may sign up for just your family; you do not need a whole group. You can email: houstonteam@generationserve.org for more information.

Spring Book Fair, Amira Staller: We will have a spring book fair on April 15-16. There will be an evening family event on April 15th.

iFest, Amira Staller: iFest was a success and a fun night. A HUGE 'thank you' to the committee chairs: Alicia Escamilla, Mona Sharique and Barby Garibaldi!

5th Grade Key Dates for Spring Semester, Amira Staller: iFest Pop-Up Shop and Bake Sale were a great success.

- March 9-12 – Service Project (Canned Food Drive)
- May 28 – Graduation Ceremony
- May 29 – End of School Events (Morning Party, Pool Party)

Look for emails from grade rep, Sami Valentine, for more details on graduation fee, dates and volunteer opportunities.

2020-2021 Snow Cone Social, Jessica Hassid: Snow Cone Social for the 2020-2021 school year will be on Friday, August 21st. Jessica needs a co-chair for the committee. If interested, please contact her: jessicahassid@gmail.com.

Principal's Report

Thank you for coming this evening. We have a new board for HISD, they had their first meeting, and it went well. HISD board meetings are available to watch online. Keep up with them to stay informed and as always, Principal Greenberg will keep us informed of all things that affect Condit. Sue Deigaard, president of the school board, holds monthly meetings for parents and encourages parents to attend and ask any questions they may have in regard to the district and schools.

Upcoming Events:

- February 20 – No-Show Gala Auction opens online 6AM-10PM
- February 20 – 4th Grade Musical 6:30PM
- February 21 – Dad's Poker Social 7:00PM
- February 25 – CNO at Samurai 5PM-Close
- February 28 – Science Fair – JUDGES NEEDED

- March 16-20 – SPRING BREAK No School
- March 24 – CNO at Marble Slab and Brisket BBQ
- March 25 – Family STEM Night
- March 27 – Report Cards
- March 30 – No School

Closing Comments, Amira Staller: The next PTO meeting is April 1st at 8:00AM. Thank you again for attending this evening's meeting.

Adjournment: 7:16PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rebecca Grazier, 2019-2020 PTO VP of School Services / Support.

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