

**ATTENDEES**

**Executive Committee in Attendance:** Shamekia Martin, President; Nina Broome, Vice President of Membership; Catherine Hatton, Recording Secretary; Richella Jordan, Correspondence Secretary; Mary Huntington, Treasurer

**Guests in Attendance:** Kathryn Standish, Dean of Upper School (4-8); Kate Klemas, Parent-at-Large Board Member

Head Count: 17

Call to Order: 7:01pm

**AGENDA ITEMS**

I. Recap of Previous Month's Events

Owner: Shamekia Martin

- SaveAround Coupon Book raised \$12,500
- Fall Vendor Bazaar raised \$4,000 after expenses
- November's full dress down day collected 885lbs of non-perishable food and \$300 which was donated to the Food Bank of Delaware
- Buffalo Wild Wings take over event raised \$368 from vouchers + \$113 from the raffle

II. Fundraisers for December and Family Fun Events

Owner: Richella Jordan

- Delaware 87ers School Spirit Night on 12/13/15 at the University of Delaware Bob Carpenter Center. Order forms and monies were due 12/2/15. No extensions to be granted. Tickets will be distributed the week of Dec. 8th, to be sent home with students. The event features free parking, free kids zone and a free game program. The students will be assembled for a group picture on the court floor with 87ers team players with an opportunity to get autographs.
- Chic-Fil-A All Day Take Over Event at the Concord Mall location 12/4/15. Mention OCS when ordering, no vouchers required.
- Scholastic Book Fair, December 8-11, volunteers are urgently needed for both Lower and Upper Schools. Students preview the sale during school hours/Parents can shop in the evening on Dec. 10. See upcoming email blasts for further details to follow.
- Spirit-Wear Dress Down Day - 12/18/15 - \$1. Spirit wear top with uniform bottoms, socks and shoes.
- Coming in January:
  - Roller Skating at Christiana Skating Center on 1/23/16. 5:15-7:15. OCS only event. Event details will be released in the near future.
  - Dodgeball Tournament scheduled for 1/30/16, from 5-8pm, at St. Thomas. More information and details will be released over the winter break.

III. Budget

Owner: Mary Huntington

- Current budget spreadsheet was made available
- Family Fun income to date: \$580, add \$368 raised during Buffalo Wild Wings Event
- The PTO Executive Committee is currently asking for parent & PTO member participation in suggesting where monies raised in fundraisers should be spent. Any suggestions can be sent to OdysseyCharterSchoolPTO@gmail.com
- Sign Purchase: The Executive Committee met with the Facilities Manager where options for the proposed permanent sign to be located near the DART bus shelter closest to Building #20 were

discussed. Options were provided to the Administration who will then pass down the top picks. All PTO paid members will be given the opportunity to provide their input and vote on admin's approved options.

- Question: Where has money been appropriated to date? Answer: The temporary signs you see around campus; the new proposed permanent sign; graph paper for Responsive Classroom program; campus beautification in Spring.
- The 2015-2016 fundraising goal is \$91k; the PTO Committee is receptive to the needs of the administration as it becomes clear to what the needs are; and the PTO committee is also receptive to suggestions from parents and PTO members.

#### IV. Administration's Report

Owner: Kathryn Standish

- Academics: K-3rd 1<sup>st</sup> marking period ended with report cards being sent home this week. 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period ends for grades 4-8 with interims to go home the week of 12/8.
- School Choice application process is open until mid-January and open houses have been in progress for 1-3, 4-8, and K. Open houses have been well attended particularly for the Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Open House for 9<sup>th</sup> grade remains on schedule. 50 applications have been received for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- A Sports Program meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2015.
- Miss Warner's soccer team won the intramural soccer final.
- Wrestling for grades 5-8 with Mr. Plerhoples as coach and basketball will be two sports offered this year. Girls and Boys Junior varsity and varsity team tryouts for soccer will be announced with ten games scheduled for competition against other schools.
- Extra-curricular activities: Chorus is offered to grades 3-8 and band for grades 4-8. Science Olympiad and math Olympiad programs to be offered as well, details to come.
- Upper school Winter Concert featuring the chorus and band will be held at Cab Calloway campus on December 8 at 7pm.
- Lower school Winter Concert will be held at St. Thomas throughout the day on 12/16/15. Check website, [odysseycharterschoodel.com](http://odysseycharterschoodel.com) for the specific times. Space is limited—parents will be provided two complimentary tickets that will be sent home with students.
- Upgrades in property protection have been made including improvements to the digital camera system; and, two gates purchased to secure the property while school is closed to deter trespassing and illegal dumping on our grounds.
- Board Member Dimitri Dandolos has secured funding for the small gym and questions concerning it should be directed to him.
- Parents are invited to attend and broad parent involvement is encouraged at the December 10, 2015, 7pm meeting at the Lower School 2<sup>nd</sup> floor multipurpose room. The topic is the future of the high school expansion including the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### V. Board Report

Owner: Kate Klemas

- Lights along the entrance road from Lancaster Avenue are out and at night it is very dark and this was mentioned to Jon Stewart, facilities manager. Stoltz owns the lights.
- The Board of Directors will hold a meeting on December 10, 2015 at 7pm, regarding expansion of 9<sup>th</sup> grade and high school. Ultimate decision is voted by the Board of Directors. They are sensitive to the fact that the result might not please 100% of the parent body. Kate feels good about the progress made and is looking forward to next week's meeting where the board will share primary proposal and reference an alternate.

Meeting adjourned: 7:44pm

Notes recorded by Cathy Hatton

No PTO Meeting in January. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2015, 7pm