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Renaissance Education Alliance
Parents • Crew • Teamwork

**REA Board Meeting
November 15, 2016
4:30PM**

In Attendance:

Deborah Lemmer, Amy Stuart, Elise Bratz, Melissa England, Becca Koster, Allie Waltee, Brittnee Pierse, Stacey Wagner

I. Welcome

Amy called the meeting to order at 4:27 p.m.

II. Parent Open Forum

III. Challenge Day Summary - Katie Coyne/Brittnee Pierse

Brittnee presented the Challenge Day Summary. 322/400 students registered on the website. 282 (70.5%) students donated funds. Final fund raising figures will be available in December. Community Service component had excellent response. 393 pounds of toiletries were donated the Task Force. 885 pairs of shoes were donated to Soles4Souls. Cortney Williams provided the graphic design; goal is to reuse the Challenge Day concept. Process Improvements for next year: face-to-face communication with teachers during Wednesday Professional Development, make the kick off with students more concrete, and have more all day volunteers. Would like to do crew building for Crew Challenges next year. Prize distribution is difficult. Next year considering crew prizes as opposed to individual prizes. Brittnee and Katie will send Challenge Day parent survey questions to Amy. Brittnee and Katie will provide suggestions for possible leads for next year's Challenge Day.

IV. Principal's Report.

V. Officer Reports

a. President

Decals honoring the 2016 LIA matching donation were placed on the back bumpers of the buses. Amy will send note to the Casebier family with photos.

b. Vice President

c. Treasurer

Melissa presented the Financial Update as of 11/15/16. Challenge Day checks have been deposited. Paypal deposit for Challenge Day hasn't been received yet; this is due to timing. The Challenge Day financial report will be available in December.

Melissa asked she is notified of donated items valued at more than \$100 so the donors can receive thank you letters and next steps.

d. Secretary

Amy moves to ratify email votes. Melissa seconds. All in favor. None opposed.

Becca motioned to approve the 9/13/16 REA Meeting Minutes on 9/27/16 via email. Elise seconded the motion. Deborah, Melissa and Amy approved. The 9/13/16 REA Meeting Minutes were approved via email on 9/30/16.

Elise motioned to approve the allocation of funds up to \$115 to clean gear for gear grab on 10/9/16. Melissa seconded the motion. Becca, Deborah and Amy approve. The motion was approved via email on 12/6/16.

Melissa motioned to allocate up to \$400 for the OLE Fall work day on 10/21/16. Amy seconded the motion. Becca, Deborah and Elise approve. The motion was approved via email on 10/21/16.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Book Fair (Liaison - Elise)

Diana didn't need any assistance from REA. All food for Family Night was donated.

b. Gear Grab (Liaison - Amy)

Two tubs of gear were emptied at the most recent gear grab. Two new dates for the next gear grab have been set for Jan 11 and 18. If weather is good, gear grab may be outside; otherwise, it is slated to take place in the Flex Room. Ms. Deborah recommends that everything left over from each gear grab is donated eliminating the need to store items.

c. Crew Parents (Liaison - Melissa)

All crew parents are the REMS website. Melissa placed a note in the newsletter letting parents know that the website is up-to-date and instructing them to contact the crew parent if they haven't heard from him/her yet.

d. Crew Wear (Liaison - Melissa)

Debbie Duhon had all the crew wear items delivered by end of last week. Debbie handed out the remainder. Debbie and Eva Voss will coordinate to

see if a more streamlined process or new vendor would be more effective.
Feedback from families was to have more voyage approved gear.

e. Family Fun Nights (Liaison - Amy)

Diane Simmons reported the funds raised from family fun nights this year: Chipotle: \$403.45 (August), Freddy's: \$93.20 (September), The MAC: \$45.60 (October), Applebee's: \$63.26 (October). Chick-Fil-A waiting to hear final numbers (November). Future Family Fun Nights: Crave - Scheduled for December 6th, The MAC - Scheduled for Monday, April 3rd. Other events are still in the works. Total Funds Raised YTD: \$605.51

f. OLE (Stacey Wagner, Chair)

OLE workday was very successful. There was a good turnout with about 20 people. Planted 7 trees. Currently watering by hand every other day; will continue to hand water through winter. Planning to get drip line irrigation in the spring. Performed smaller maintenance tasks including staining picnic table and cleaning out garden beds. A meeting will be held with teachers on November 30th to discuss future OLE ideas and projects. Holding on a master plan until RSS impacts are finalized; certain OLE items will need to be moved as a result of the new RSS building. Stacey will send questions for inclusion in the fall survey related to the OLE.

g. Scrip Cards (Liaison - Amy)

Nothing to report.

h. Life is Art (Liaison – Elise – Allie Waltee – Co-Chair)

Event is now paid for through sponsorships. Melissa will begin sending invoices for sponsorships. Crew art is 50% complete and will be wrapped up by the end of the year. So far, the crew art costs is under \$100.00. LIA will be held at Plum Creek Golf Course on March 4th at 6 pm serving heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Auctioneer is the same from LIA 2016. REMS website is being updated for LIA. Save the date card will be sent out before winter break. Ticket sales will begin in January with Tara Riccardi as the lead. LIA Leads would like price examples for the giving tree by 2/1/17.

VI. Old Business

a. Parent Survey

Amy will send a previous version of the survey to Board for review. The goal would be to send a new parent survey would with in the month. Looking to ask questions about funding priorities, communication preferences and effectiveness, fundraiser feedback and OLE priorities.

X. Adjournment

Deborah motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm. Seconded by Elise. All in Favor. None opposed.