

Minutes for the Charlemagne PTO meeting 10/17/23 6:30pm
Charlemagne Elementary School, Eugene OR

Officers Present: Lauren Jackson, Michelle Niesley, Jake Clifton, Michelle, Phil Barnhart, Marie Wallmark.

Officers Absent: Ian McGonigal

Welcome and Introductions – parents and officers went around the room and introduced themselves and let us know who their kids are.

Principal's Report – Poppy Campbell.

- Poppy welcomed us and gave some remarks including reading out the school mission statement.
- We're re-laying the running track and planting trees.
- Emphasis on community.

Teachers' Report – Mme Elise

- Troupe from Ghana visited and gave concerts for everyone.
- Reported on things going on in our children's classrooms.
- 5th grade teachers would like volunteers for writing and for information about how STEM is used in careers.

Treasurer's Report – Jake Clifton

- \$167,000 in cash in the bank. There might be greater need for support for next year. No need to raise additional money this year but we'd like to maintain our fundraising apparatus.
- PTO funding for some additional staff hours. We're just waiting for a finance office code for Poppy to be able to post the job.
- Proposed budget presented.

Secretary's Report – Phil Barnhart

- Marta, Erin Marie, Elise, Noah Chamberlain have agreed join the committee to review and update the PTO bylaws.

Site Council Report – Marie Wallmark

- Slowly moving forward but didn't want to have a site council meeting until after the PTO meeting.

Esprit de Corps Co-Chairs – Rachel and Betsy

- First movie night since 2019 coming up Thursday, 6:30-8:30. Pizza supplied by Track Town. Sounds like we should cover some extra money for the janitor. Poppy to send out an email reminder.

Intern Coordinator report – Rachel Buchiarski

- All three interns are here and are itching to explore.
- We need more families to step forward to volunteer. Next transition is Jan 1 to Spring Break. Need one more family for that transition and two more for the next one.
- Rachel is looking for someone to take on her job when she leaves the school, wants to have an actual transition.

Auction Committee Updates: Elle McLean

- Last year we brought in \$45k-\$50k
- This year we're looking at Caribbean Cruise theme. Goal of \$40k. April 27th, Ford Alumni Center. Name TBD.
- The committee is looking for new members.
- Please think about connections and the possibilities for donations and sponsors.

JEDI Committee: Poppy

- Still trying to figure out a time that does not pose an interruption to the day. So far, inconclusive.
- Should start in November.

Community Night Out: Elizabeth Johnson

- This last month was really bad. Need to figure out how to get more people out.
- Suggestions for more effective email communication. Fewer clicks, send on Sunday?,
- Need to figure out how to get the word out.
- MOD Pizza on Friday at the 29th Ave Store.

Trivia Night: Lauren

- Need a chair to lead it.

OBOB: Julie Kim

- Meetings on Wednesdays beginning Nov 1 during lunchtime.
- Need volunteers.

Purple Air: Lauren

- We finally got approval from 4J.
- Poppy put in the form.

Volunteer Opportunities: Julie Kim

- Still some opportunities.
- What we need now: Library tidying. Needs at least 3 people. Crosswalk Captain down at East Amazon. Need class reps.
- Need Mardi Gras and Trivia Night
- Talent Show?

New Business: invitation to send PTO officers new ideas.