

PTA Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2011

Present: Debbie Goldstein, Rebecca Fixel, Alyse Nathans, Shireen Chafetz, Andrea Mail, Talie Zaifert, Galit Hill, Ilene Bomser, Nancy Davis, Gabrielle Bubis, Yakov Feig, Amy Levy, Melanie Setzer, Lois Tompkins, Andy Raitt, Naida and Chris Gould, Mauri Mizrahi, Jana Zager, Karina Jeifez-Zagagi, Jessica Kaye, Lisa Chisholm, Claudia Margolis, Cindy Handmaker, Jon Mitzmacher, Melissa Garber, Shereen Canady, Nan Kavanaugh, Staci Scharf, Lynda Gridley, Beth Wolpoff

I. President's Reports, Rebecca Fixel

A goal for this year is to raise money to make the lunch room more "green" – to use real utensils instead of plastic & styrofoam. Discussion about changing by-laws to give money to each school at the beginning of the year for them to use for marketing, such as handouts, give-aways, bumper stickers. Also discussed possibility of future task force or an actual marketing chairperson for PTA. A special Religious School PTA meeting will be held Sunday, Oct. 2 at 11:30 a.m. to hear their concerns/input. May discuss changing their dues. Tailgate Shabbat will be PTA-sponsored dinner on October 28th, chaired by Talie Zaifert, Shireen Chafetz and Lisa Chisholm. Watch for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Day School: Andrea Mail and Jeanine Rogozinski are chairing a Sunday evening event. Rebecca Fixel is chairing the Sunday daytime event with water and fun for the whole family. Volunteers needed.

II. Treasurer's Report, Tammy Schemer

Report of expenses and fundraising – Needs to be updated so will enclose this at a later date.

III. Fundraising, Melissa Garber

Magazine Sale ends tomorrow, 9/16/11. Online sales as of now total \$1,000. Next due date for Box Tops will be in October, and we will have class competitions like last year. Cookie dough and re-usable bags sales coming in the Spring. Talie Zaifert reported on a Middle School fundraiser with Morning Light Photography, Ryan Noble. He is selling sitting fees for \$25, which goes to the MS. This may be used anywhere, no expiration date, and with a \$75 minimum purchase.

IV. Chai Family Fun Run, Debbie Goldstein & Rebecca Fixel

Now accepting sponsors. Event will be different this year with more competition and categories involved in the actual run before the festival. Participants must register and pay. The "Runners Chai" (JJC running group) and Coach Jared Goldman will involve the community and the school students to emphasize health/fitness more than in years past. Will advertise in Jax4Kids and other places in the community.

V. Membership, Nancy Davis

So far 67 families have joined PTA this year. Numbers are not accurate yet. Still trickling in and figuring out who paid at registration. We'll update membership at next meeting.

VI. Programming, Andrea Mail

This Sat. night, 9/17/11, is Parents' Night Out at home of Melanie and Ben Setzer. Havdalah will be at 8:50 p.m. followed by drinks and snacks. PTA will hold an evening meeting on October 11th at 7 p.m. at the home of Jaimee and Jon Mitzmacher. Speaker will be Elliott Rosenbaum, Clinical Psychologist for the Navy, Life Coach, and author of "The Valued Self." (www.asplc.org)

VII. Services, Yakov Feig and Gabrielle Bubis

Cindy Handmaker is heading vision screening for Monday, 9/19. Shireen Chafetz & Staci Scharf volunteered for preparing apples and honey for DS students on Tuesday, 9/27.

VIII. Preschool, Shereen Canady

Thank you to Naida Gould and Cindy Handmaker for leading the PPA (Preschool Parent Association). Meetings will be every other month.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyse S. Nathans