

Stenwood PTA
General Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Nov. 12, 2019 at 7 pm

Welcome

Deanna Heier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Adopt Meeting Agenda

Deanna Heier made a motion to adopt the November meeting agenda. Wendi Carroll seconded. The agenda was adopted.

Approve October 2019 Meeting Minutes

Deanna Heier made a motion to accept the October meeting minutes. Anjali Gupta seconded. The minutes passed.

Treasurer's Update

Treasurer Reshma Kari reported the expenses and revenue as of October 31, 2019:

	2019-2020 Budget	Actual 2019-2020
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$46,150	\$34,899.62
TOTAL EXPENSES (DISBURSEMENTS)	\$46,150	\$16,426.36
NET INCOME / (LOSS)	-	\$18,473.26
CASH, END OF MONTH RECONCILIATION		\$40,872.87

Deanna Heier thanked Reshma Kari for submitting the IRS 990 forms and paying the Stenwood PTA dues to national, state and county on time to keep our unit in good standing.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Riley said this year's Veterans Day breakfast was a fabulous event. This is a wonderful school tradition. She noted that next Thursday is the annual Thanksgiving lunch and volunteers are still needed to sell tickets and work the lunch line. She reminded families that whenever there are school events, the office notifies the local police and arranges to allow parking in the neighborhood behind the school. The main parking lot fills up quickly, so it might be easier to start in the back of the school. The

Book Fair is also next week – times have been set aside to allow students to browse early in the week and shop later in the week. Families are welcome to visit the Book Fair with their students after the Thanksgiving lunch. Make sure to wait for their teacher to come into the lunch room so they know where the kids will be.

Mrs. Riley reminded families that with the holidays coming, please let the front office know about absences ahead of time. The office can code the absences now making it much easier on the staff during busy days. She noted there has also been an uptick in illnesses this month.

She invited families to stay after the meeting for the AAP Info Session.

President's Report

Stinger Sweetheart Dance Proposal: The PTA Board would like to propose a new social event, the Stinger Sweethearts dance, as an opportunity for families to get together and enjoy time with their little Stingers out on the dance floor. Similar to a Father/Daughter or Mother/Son dance, but this is meant to be a more inclusive activity as students can invite any special adult in their life. Activities (dance and other) will be planned that include adult-child pairs/groups to participate together.

The event is proposed to be a Saturday or Sunday mid-afternoon event in early/mid February that will be held in the Gym. Families can eat together before/after the event – PTA is looking at setting up a Dine Out if families would like to eat together before or after the event. Target attendance: 250-300 (max).

Estimated costs: \$1000 (DJ, Custodial staff overtime payment, Decorations/Supplies). Proposing \$5 per person ticket charge.

- Deanna Heier made a motion to add a line item to the PTA budget for a new program, the Stinger Sweethearts Dance Program, in the amount of \$1000 to be covered by \$1000 in ticket sales and a dine out specifically to cover the event.
- Alex Rokita seconds. All in favor. Passed

School Supply Kit Coordinator: The PTA renewed its contract with Sprout School Supplies to provide start of year school supply kits. The 2020/2021 proposed school year contract is the same as previous years. We need a new supply kit coordinator. The previous parent is graduating out of Stenwood. This is a flexible position that is done primarily over email. In the spring, the coordinator works with Sprout and Stenwood teachers to finalize the grade level supply kits.

Deanna asked parents to consider Parent Workshop ideas, including speakers, they would be interested in for future PTA meetings. We are looking for ideas that will help support parents. The next PTA meeting will be February 11th.

Committee Reports

Outreach:

Chair Deanna Heier gave an Advocacy & Community Affairs update. Fairfax County PTA is meeting Wednesday night. Stenwood parent Jason Morgan will be attending and provide the board with an update. The Superintendent attends these meetings to provide updates and answer questions. All are welcome to attend.

Communications:

Secretary/Chair Nicole Churchill thanked everyone who had signed up as PTA members for this school year. We have 274 members. By the end of last school year we had 240 members – so we've seen a 15% increase. The AtoZ Connect Directory has been submitted for printing and hard copies will be available to distribute in December.

Development:

Deanna Heier provided the update for VP Danielle Gibbens. Square 1 Art order forms are due Friday, Nov. 15. Online orders will be accepted through the 21st. The items will be distributed on December 10 from 6 – 7 pm in the cafeteria.

Upcoming Dine Outs: Kizuna Nov. 12-14 and Silver Diner on December 5th.

Enrichment:

VP/Enrichment Chair Anjali Gupta provided updates on the Afterschool program. The winter schedule is almost finalized and will be included in Wednesday Mail on Nov. 20. Some of the fall programs will continue and a number of new programs are being added. Spanish and Mandarin are continuing for the whole school year. Registration opens Wed, Dec 4 at 6am and closes Dec. 16. Parent feedback on the types of classes being offered is always welcome. Please let Anjali know if there classes you would like to see be offered again. A parent asked if there would be an art class in the winter session. There is going to be a comic book illustration class on Thursdays for K-6.

The PTA is putting together a Stenwood Stingers e-recipe book to further support healthy eating habits. Stenwood families are being asked to contribute their favorite healthy meals. The deadline for submission is Dec 4. In addition, families are asked to contribute fun pictures of their family's healthy eating that the PTA can use to give a weekly shout-out to participating families. A parent expressed interest in seeing a snack option in the recipes.

Social:

Deanna Heier reported for VP Lisa Mak that the staff appreciation lunches have been going well and we've had a lot of success having restaurants sponsor the main dishes,

with families contributing sides and desserts. The 5th grade hosted lunch is tomorrow (Nov 13) and will be sponsored by Burger 7 Dunn Loring. The 4th grade lunch is Dec 11th and will be sponsored by Jersey Mikes. The 3rd grade lunch is Jan 15th and will be sponsored by Rango's Tex-Mex & Grill. Amendment: Following the meeting both Jersey Mikes and Rangos reversed their decision to sponsor the luncheons.

Family Science Night is scheduled for Jan. 9. Parent volunteers are still needed – at least 20 are needed to confirm the event. It is the first Thursday we get back from winter break. There will be 20 different stations with experiments.

New Business

No new business.

Meeting Adjournment

Deanna Heier adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.