

**Chabot Parents Club
December 1, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 6:34

Members in attendance: 20

Principal Paratore, 1 teacher - Ms. Emanuele, 4 Board Members

Welcome by Liz Hillen

Minutes from November meeting were approved by

- First motion - Kelly Mogilefsky
- Second motion - Leah Mendes

*In the October minutes, it was stated that Michael Kusiak was stepping down from organizing Shriek-a-rama. He has since had a change of heart, and has decided to continue running the event.

Principal's Report (with Ms. Emanuele)

- Ms. Emanuele wanted to thank all that participated in the "Meet in the Street" light parade. It was a huge success - totaling over 400 students/families. The kids had nothing but great things to say. Ms. Emanuele received a letter from Mel Speed (parade organizer) praising Chabot and everyone's efforts, saying it was exactly what he anticipated when putting on the parade.
- Mrs. Paratore gave a special thank you to Ms. Emanuele for organizing and leading the event.
- Spoke of the good experiences that the students have been exposed to recently; ie - the food drive, adopt-a-family; appreciates all the support that Chabot receives from parents.
- Thank you to Mr. Fred for painting the play structure while the students were on vacation.
- The school is not giving up on getting a new play structure, but it has proven difficult getting quotes.

Treasurer's Report (given by Kelly Mogilefsky - Kim was unable to attend)

- Checking account - approximately \$100,000.

- Money market savings account - approximately \$30,000.
- Shriek-a-rama made \$5343.75 after expenses.
- Schoola (lost/found clothes donation) made \$227.96.
- Taxes were done; Kim negotiated and was able to save \$180 by asking CPA not to raise rates.
- Box Tops - due to the confusion as to when Box Tops are to be turned in, Cindy will combine both November/December and a winner will be announced early January.

Event Reports

- Adopt-a-family - participating with CV Outreach, a program to help those less fortunate during the holidays. The classes are divided by grade level and assigned a family. You can contact your room parent for a list of items, which need to be wrapped and returned to school by December 11.
- Adult Social - Thursday, December 3. Taking place at the Doolittle, this is just a way for parents to get together and talk to other parents. There will be appetizers and dollar raffle tickets.
- Kelly Mogilefsky would like to know if anyone would be interested in **Odyssey of the Mind** - an educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities. Kids would get together in small teams (of 7), be given a problem and find ways to solve it. They would then present their solutions (on February 27). The goal is to develop creative-thinking and team-building skills. It would take place between January and February and would meet 1/week for 2 hours. If interested, please contact Kelly.

Incentive Programs

- Amazon - made \$86 for the month of November.

Fundraiser Reports

- See's candy - deadline extended through December 3.
- Olive Oil/Vinegar - ends December 11 - 5 delicious flavors to choose from:
 - Traditional 18 Year Aged Balsamic
 - Pomegranate Balsamic Vinegar
 - Cranberry Pear Balsamic Vinegar
 - Spanish Arbequina EV Olive Oil
 - Garlic Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- ShopwithScrip.com - order gift cards through the Parent's Club, from over 300 different locations. Order online or drop off orders (along with payment) in the

office. Chabot Parent's Club gets a rebate based on which store cards were purchased from.

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, January 30 @ Knudsen's Ice Creamery.
- Online Auction - will take place February/March. This year will be strictly gift cards (for merchandise or services).

Voting

- Playground Equipment/Soccer Goal: Not to exceed \$1000. (Passed)
- Scholastic Book Fair Earnings: Should Parent's Club take the earnings from Book Fairs as Scholastic Dollars rather than cash. (Passed)

*Previously, there was an additional proposal - to increase budgets to include the new Kindergarten Special Day Class. Though Chabot anticipates continuing the class next school year, the current teacher was needed (and hired) at another school, therefore the Special Day Class has temporarily been moved.

Upcoming Events

- December 3 - Doolittle's Adult Social
- December 21 to January 1 - No School, Winter Break
- January 18 - No School, Martin Luther King Day
- January 30 - Pancake Breakfast
- February 1 - No School
- February 2 - Parent Club Meeting

****NO PARENT CLUB MEETING IN JANUARY****

Liz asked the members in attendance if they thought there would be enough parent interest to arrange a class on the basics of Common Core, to which the majority of members agreed that it would be helpful.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43