

OGA PTA General Meeting

August 19, 2021 Virtually held via Zoom

This is the first PTA members' general meeting of the school year, held virtually.

Board members present were: Jacquelyn Nystrom, Nadia Ballard, Sarah Courtney, Melissa Vaughan and Sara Alexander.

Members and attendees present were: Ellen O'Connor, Marcia Kintis, Danielle Cosme, Shannon Dukes, Mary Anne Dunn, Jenn Mandelion Chrisman, Jenni Weinberg, Angie Ossa, Hanna Sunder, Betty Mittleman, Diana Bernal, Katie Pridemore, Keith Carmichael, Jamie Carmichael, Britt Despenza, Martina Herndon, T Brassil, Yochi*, Ha*, Alex*
(* indicates Zoom name)

Call to Order- Jacquelyn Nystrom, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Attendance/Quorum- Attendance was taken via Zoom attendee list. Quorum was established.

Minutes of Last Meeting- Sarah Courtney, PTA Recording Secretary reported minutes of the last General Meeting from April 2021 are posted on OGAPTA.com. A few minutes were provided for the review of these minutes before motion to accept the April minutes as written was made, seconded, and voted upon. Motion carried.

Principal's Report- Ms. Despenza, O.G.A. Principal, thanked parents for patience in parking at the 'Meet the Teacher' event, OGA 'Open House' event will be split between Elementary School and Middle School in order to alleviate parking issues, ADDitions Volunteers are welcome on campus, but plan to follow ADDitions link on OGA website to register first and get approved.

Treasurer's Report- Melissa Vaughan, PTA Treasurer - (defer for presentation of Budget)

Board Activity Report- Jacquelyn Nystrom, PTA President, thanked the parents who attended 'First day Parent's coffee' event and Nadia and Sarah for coordinating. PTA Board sold OGA-branded shirts for \$10 at the in-person "Meet the Teacher" event to reduce inventory remaining from past years' orders (limited size/styles). PTA Board met (over the summer) to plan for membership drive, room parent recruitment, and matching events/committees with PTA member volunteers. PTA Board also met earlier this week to gather input for the Treasurer to finalize this year's proposed budget.

Committees' Reports - none currently as 2021-22 committees need to be formed

Unfinished Business - none to present this first meeting of the school year

New Business-

Volunteer opportunities were emphasized by Jacquelyn Nystrom; asked parents to email OGAPTA@gmail.com to volunteer.

Presentation of Budget by Melissa Vaughan line item by line item. Questions were accepted via chat and answered both via chat and verbally. See attachment (2021-22 Budget). A motion to accept the Budget as presented was made, seconded, and voted upon. Motion carried.

Service Projects were developed by sixth grade Gifted Studies class and Ms. Dunn requested PTA to support these projects with in-kind donations (non-monetary). Student Angie was called upon to explain her project for last year; a dance-a-thon fundraiser for Arnold Palmer Hospital. Jacquelyn Nystrom clarified that The Board added a budget line item for service projects, but it remains \$0 at this time; Foundation must fundraise again (as they were unable last year) and this could impact PTA funding and increase our budget to add to this line item.

School priorities for PTA to support were discussed to answer a parent question about Ms. Despenza's goals for spending Foundation funds; Ms Despenza spoke about campus beautification, Maker-space, and adding books to the media center.

Announcements/Upcoming Events- Jacquelyn Nystrom, PTA President

1. Spirit Merchandise- order pending passage of budget
2. Future events - Call for volunteers to help organize events
3. BoxTops for Education - keep us in mind
4. Amazon Smile - Be aware OGA has an Amazon smile account
5. Fill out our Parent Interest Survey on OGAPTA.com to connect with us and share your ideas for PTA projects and priorities
6. Next PTA General Meeting- Scheduled for Thursday, November 4th at 6 PM, via Zoom

Adjournment at 7:12 pm by Jacquelyn Nystrom, PTA president

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Sarah Courtney on 8/19/2021.