

**Keller Elementary PTA
General Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:16pm

Secretary Report, Jen MacKenzie

- Sarah Lutz made a motion to approve minutes, Pilar seconded - Minutes approved.

Principal's Report, Marcie Dryden

- Thank you PTA for last week - always wanted to update staff lounge - so grateful and very much appreciated
- Pies are always a treasured tradition
- Thank you for a great year of events and activities, thank you chairs, volunteers and Carie
- Summer school sign up has started - deadline May 22, 2023

Board Member's Report, Tim Ciechorski

- Thank you PTA
- Summer school is free and will be taught by Royal Oak teachers

Teacher's Report, Laura Stankiewicz

- Everyone was so excited about the staff lounge makeover
- Thank you for everything!

President's Report, Carie Hooker

- Council News: National Dues are increasing, we voted to increase our dues to \$10 individual & \$18 family
 - Our PTA does have funds set aside for families who can't afford PTA dues
 - Also have funds for kids who can't afford field trips
- Committee Chair updates
 - I haven't reached out yet
 - If you are not planning to stay on your committee let Carrie know
 - We may have to get rid of some committees
 - We may need to redirect our focus to more in school events

Treasurer's Report, Sarah Lutz

- PD out more classroom funds (only 6 teachers who still need to use their funds)
- PD for DJ for Valentine's Dance
- PD some IFFF stuff
- PD second grade busses for the Henry Ford
- PD for DEI books

- PD for sign language interpreter
- Incoming Amazon Smile (program has ended, Kroger still does it)
- \$9500 left if we spend all that we've budgeted, we should have around \$10000 to start next year. We had a good year fundraising

Committee Report

- DEI - Melissa Golpe
 - Spent \$450 on DEI early readers for Kindergarten classrooms
 - Send Mrs. Dryden the list
 - Met with the funfair committee to give some ideas on how to make it more inclusive
- Fun Fair - Melissa Golpe
 - Bounce House, Magician, Balloon Twister, Petting Farm, Face Painting (HS volunteers), two crafts (photo frames), Photo Booth
 - Think about activities for older kids
 - Class baskets - reach out for donations to businesses, remember no alcohol can be insight- so just list it if you have alcohol included
- Staff Appreciation - Jessica
 - It was a hit
- Talent Show - Melissa
 - So fun! The kids were great and we had a lot of volunteers, MS and HS volunteers were great
- Room Parent - Pilar is taking over for Lois, Lois sent out an email
- IFFF
 - May 19th @ 6:30-8:30
 - We were able to get all the performers except the Chinese Line dancers
 - Tai Chi will do a performance at the start - different than their class
 - 2 food trucks: Motor City Pasties & Food Shenanigans
 - There will be some crafts and a scavenger hunt
- Old Business
 - Compost Team started with trays and will include milk cartons in May.
 - The kids are doing great and they are so excited
 - Will start with food in September/October
- New Business
 - PAC - Mrs. Dryden talked about IEP
 - Jen Lopez - Maryanne went to the state convention in Southfield - next year's convention April 19th-21st, Keller made Gold Level in recruitment, the convention was very informative and inspiring

- Thank you Mrs. Kaiser for your years of service! Happy Retirement
- Next Meeting: Monday, September 11th Keller Cafeteria
- Adjourned at 7:59 pm