

# Arroyo Vista Elementary School General PTA Meeting September 16, 2020

**Call to Order:** PTA President, Karissa Adams, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the General PTA were approved as read.

## **President's Report: Karissa Adams**

The following announcements were made:

- South Pasadena Library open for book pick up.
- Friends of the South Pasadena Library – Looking for support and board spots available.
- Annual Moon Festival (Virtual) – October 3
- League of Woman Voters will be hosting a virtual forum on October 12th for the upcoming school board elections.
- Special Needs Committee – [www.spp4snc.com](http://www.spp4snc.com) support parents and children. This group meets once a month.
- Census - less than 55% of residents have filled it out.
- PTA Membership – only need 31 members to hit AV goal.
- Thank you to Panda Korman, for creating videos for the school.
- Would like to thank the entire PTA for purchasing ukuleles for the entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.
- New spirit wear is coming!
- Executive board approved to use \$2,000 of last year's money to purchase distant learning tools for the teachers at AV.
- Motion: Karissa moves to spend \$2,000 on supplemental tools for the teachers up to \$65 each to spend an item of their choice. Motion seconded. Motion approved.
- Red Ribbon Week – October 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Virtual events happening throughout the week.
- AV Active – weekly workout. Each week different classes pick a phrase for the school to do.
- Arroyo Vista is on Instagram, handle arroyopta.
- Movie Night is on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Popcorn pick up will be 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm & 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.
- Parent Party will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets on sale for \$70 for a party park for 2. Party pack includes cocktails, snacks, and swag.

## **School Board Representative: Dr. Ruby Kalra**

- SPUSD was given the Arts Advancement Grant from LA County Department of Arts and Culture in the amount of \$18,400. That money is being used for instruments that are child size up to middle school. 5<sup>th</sup> grade band will benefit.
- Construction program at the middle school is still being worked on.
- Board approved to remove all portables at all elementary school sites and add an arts classroom.
- District approved contract with an organization called Caresolace to focus on mental health. The organization help families find mental health care workers.
- Would like to thank PTA's for the PPE fundraiser.

## **Financial Report: Judy Asakura (see attached)**

- July 1, 2020 – September 2, 2020
  - Beginning balance \$94,428.43

- Deposits \$48, 280.25
- Back to Classroom deposits \$77,791.22
- Disbursements \$14,759.55
- Ending balance \$205,740.35
- Will file financial report for audit.
- Motion: Judy moves to ratify check numbers 4423 – 4444 and void check numbers 4424-4426 totaling \$14,771.05. Motion seconded. Motion adopted.

**Wish Night: Erik Gammell (see attached)**

- Just under 60% participation for the entire work.
- School raised over \$71,000 for wish night.
- Will be handing out preliminary totals to teachers this soon.
- Close to what we raised last year.

**Auditor Report: Marcela Owens (see attached)**

- For the period of 1/1/2020 – 6/30/2020
  - I, Marcela Owens and the auditor committee, have examined the records of the treasurer and financial secretary of Arroyo Vista Elementary school and find time to be correct.
- Motion: Erik Gammell moves to adopt. Motion seconded. Motion adopted.

**Ways and Means: Jen Wang**

- No Sweat Fundraiser – reached goal this year.
- Box top – a new app has come out to make box top collecting easier.

**Parliamentarian: Cindy Shin**

- Forming a By-Laws committee.
  - This is to add to by-laws to possibly continue to hold PTA meetings over Zoom.
- Forming a Nominating committee
  - Next general meeting she will be asking for members to join the nominating committee.

**Art Docents: Cassandra Kaldor and Erin Bonz**

- Adapted in class art projects to at home art by grade levels.
- Projects can be done independently at home or with student's classroom.

**Reflections: Chris Yule**

- Completing everything digitally this year.
- All categories are still open.
- A virtual gallery will be created for students to see their artwork and others.

**Legislative Chair: Maria Thorpe**

- Prop 18 is allowing 17-year old to vote in primaries if turning 18 by election day.
- Measure U: Utility Users Tax (UUT) Measure (Measure U) has been placed on the upcoming November 3rd election ballot. South Pasadena voters will be asked to continue the current 7.5% rate of the City's Utility Users Tax until otherwise repealed or amended by the voters, in order to generate and stabilize additional municipal revenues.

- Motion: Karissa moves for AV PTA endorses Measure U. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

**SPEF Representative: Julie Halverson**

- SPEF presented a check to the district this week.
- Brings SPEF impact to \$15 million dollars.
- After school programs start next week.
- Phone banking from home.
- Teacher grants are available for all teachers in the district. \$1500 per classroom or \$4500 per grade. Last year 32 grants were given out.

**Community Outreach Chair: Kelly Kwan**

- AV Gives back is going virtual and will be happening all year long.
  - Would like to give back to AV families in need.
  - Giving back to the community at large with a series of opportunities that are kid friendly. Every two months the committee will put out three videos for families to do.

**Equity Committee Chair: Amber Jaeger and Patti Urzua (see attached)**

- First meeting will be held virtually on September 24, 2020.

**The Bright Side Magazine: Ryan Dwyer (see attached)**

- Starting to accept submissions this week.
- Send pictures of what your family has been doing during quarantine.

**Principal Report: Kim Sinclair (see attached)**

- Dr. Yantz visited AV yesterday. He took a tour of all the classrooms that are being held at AV.
- Social/Emotional programs are being taught to teachers to pass onto students.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> step is being taught from K-5<sup>th</sup>.
- Monthly recognition will be held towards the end of the month, each month.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to end the meeting at 9:17 pm by Karissa Adams.

**Submitted by:** Patricia Urzua, Arroyo Vista Recording Secretary

**Date Approved:**

**Signed by:** \_\_\_\_\_