

Olney Elementary School
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Olney Elementary School PTA Meeting
December 6, 2016 at 7pm

The Olney Elementary School PTA met on December 6, 2016 at 7pm in the school's media center. The PTA president, Jill Fecko, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Quorum was met with those in attendance.

- Introductions of the PTA board and committee heads, school staff and parents in attendance.
- Kristen Miller motions to approve all previous minutes. Amanda Monschein seconds the motion and the previous PTA minutes are approved.
- Members were asked to join a Nominating Committee so that they may nominate officers for the PTA in May. Jaime Costolo motioned to approved the volunteers for the committee and Jeremy Lipczenko seconded the motion. The Nominating Committee includes the following PTA members: Amanda Monschein, Shreaya Patel, Maha Gumenick, Nicole Matthis and Illene Lees.
- The PTA Treasurer, Cheryl Baron, gave an update on the budget. Due to income coming in over budget for the Fun Run, the PTA is looking at possibilities for additional expenses. Some of the possibilities for additional expenses to be added to the PTA budget include:
 - A music scholarship to assist with the cost of instrument rentals for students who may otherwise may not be able to participate.
 - Fingerprinting expenses for parent volunteers of the Westward Ho field trip.
 - Updating the teacher's lounge based on their suggestions.
- Membership is selling additional school directories for \$20 per directory. Members were directed to email Lisa Brown regarding directory questions.
- Mariah Payne gave an update on staff appreciation activities:
 - Currently, games and books are being collected to be distributed among teachers for indoor recess.
 - Book bins, mailbox centers, bean bag chairs, Mobimax subscriptions and several other teacher requests were able to be fulfilled for their classrooms.
 - Reward bins with a variety of knick knacks will be supplied to teachers by the PTA.
 - The Thanksgiving Pie Drive was very successful and a Holiday Cookie Drive is in the planning stages for December 20th.
- The TREX program is underway and plastic bags/clear plastic wrap will be collected through Earth Day, April 22, 2017.
- The following upcoming events were reviewed by Jill Fecko:
 - The next restaurant night will be at California Tortilla on January 10, 2017.
 - Bingo Night will be February 3, 2017 and will be lead by Mary Cox.
 - The Science Fair will be held on February 23, 2017.
 - Movie Night will be a new family event held in the spring.
 - The Spring Dance was cancelled due to a lack of volunteers.

- A parent/teacher basketball game may be planned for spring.
- Principal Intern Mark Craemer welcomed attendees and gave a school update.
 - Mr. Craemer thanked PTA members for the Thanksgiving Pie Drive as it was a huge success.
 - Several new hires were recently made at Olney Elementary, including: Mrs. Ziegenbein (replacing a long term substitute in fourth grade), Mr. Jones (Evening Maintenance), and Ms. Hues (additional paraeducator).
 - Ms. Glawe will be at Drew Elementary after winter break until February 21, 2017.
 - Dr. O, University of Maryland professor, has been to OES to continue his staff development and assist teachers in teaching the CCP (Consume, Create and Produce) model for writing.
 - ESOL, M-CLASS and MAP testing will be coming up soon.
 - The fifth grade chorus will be performing at the National Christmas Tree on December 13, 2016.
- Ms. Perper, OES Media Specialist, let attendees know that 87 e-books were just purchased for students to use at school and at home via Capstone Library and encouraged parents to use school resources at home.
- Attendees discussed the need for additional lighting at the intersection of Queen Mary Drive and Georgia Ave. and/or to see if lighting the OES sign is possible as it's difficult to see the turn for the school at night. Mr. Craemer was to explore options for additional lighting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm by PTA President Jill Fecko.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jaime Costolo
 OES PTA Secretary