**Avon Lake PTA Council – Zoom Meeting**

Thursday, September 17th, 2020

**President**: Jennifer Dalman called the meeting order at 9:05. Agreed to bypass the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of everyone.

Erin read Installation of Officers at 9:17, without Christa Olijar present

Jennifer as President, Nancy as Sec, Erin as Treasurer, and Stephanie as 2nd VP ; all “I do”

Members replied, “I do.” Declared as Officers.

Jennifer thanked Ashley for past service and assistance.

**Treasurer Report**:

Nancy announced she met with Kristen Masa and Keely Brickley to review last year’s books on July 14th. All is well, all receipts and statements presented. Ending balance of $ 15,398.18 (copy attached)

Erin: Presented Monthly Financial Report for July and August, YTD (copy attached)

Approved by the motion of Lisa 1st, Ashley 2nd.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Bob Scott and Jack Dibee (curriculum)

Thanked everyone for all their assistance.

Over 2 weeks in and lots of effort to get everything set up.

Somethings being changed daily. We are in a good place.

Working on open house, parent-teacher conferences, and homecoming for the last game.

We had senior night for football, band and cheerleading was last week, girls golf this afternoon

He needs assistance with writing letters to Gov. DeWine regarding state-mandated testing coming back.

Nathan and Gayle Manning have bills in the Senate to waive the testing.

Main Superintendent, Paolo DeMaria**,**  said regardless we are testing this year.

My favorite is ridiculous, required to test kindergarteners is ridiculous.

We have a levy on the ballot in November, permanent improvement for renewal issue 14.

(buildings, parking lots, buses) No tax increase.

200 signs to go out on October 3rd, if anyone knows a positive place to place

School district cannot spend money promoting a levy so “Avon Lake Citizens for school” will take any PTA donations. The mailer alone costs $4000

**Replying to questions previously submitted by delegates:**

1. Do you plan to have online learning second semester? If not, what can be done to help students at risk with health issues?

* We plan on having online learning as long as we are still in a crisis; For fragile health students, in the end, it is always a parent's decision, when they feel comfortable. We will not be pulling the online piece away.

1. How many remote students does the district currently have?

* 675 remote students, up through Labor Day some students changed

1. Is there going to be more uniform training for the teachers, especially in the HS where it is mixed classes (in person and virtual)? It seems there are still issues that many people have mentioned, and some are not getting "fixed" or improved upon.

* Uniform training: couple things on that we have Dave Miller, who is director of North (??) technology staff working with Mr. May and Dr. Coco, his primary role this year will be working with high school teachers and training support to enhance by the remote staff. I understand the question yesterday I had the chance popping in for 15 to 20 minutes to 3 different classes, to see how the synchronous instruction was working with English. Our model is working very well. Easier with the k to 8 remote students with the exception of foreign language. But high school, since our numbers are so big, it's easier scheduling wise with so many different classes.

1. Have you, or Dr Cocco, thought about having a group of parents, all who have virtual students, meet with administration every couple of weeks to discuss the issues (positive and negative) that are going on? It could be broken down by groups....ex. K-6, 7-8 and 9-12 since each group has different virtual learning experiences/plans and would therefore have different issues.

* There will be several different surveys for remote families; different for parents & students, different for students based on age and class. Also one for staff. Will be using that data. We want to get as much feedback as possible. I'm going to look at what's the best way to get where we want to be. Principals need to be more involved with the remote piece.

1. We see in the Board Minutes that we will be notified if a student in our child's class has tested positive for Covid. Are we also notified if a child has been quarantined due to a family member testing positive? There are concerns that people are not being notified at Eastview when a student was quarantined the first week of school.

* Bob: classmates will be notified when someone has tested positive. Will not notify you if a secondary family member was positive resulting in family being quarantined. Plan in place, when there is a positive case, they will not shut down schools

1. There are concerns about students having to sit on a bus shoulder to shoulder with non-family members and non-class members. They cannot maintain a 6 feet distance. There are also students who sit next to a different person to and from school. So 2 different children that they are exposed to and not maintaining a 6-foot distance. What can be done about this? Also, there have been reports that children are not wearing masks properly on the bus. What can be done? They are taking off their masks or pulling them down and often yelling or very loud.

* Regarding concerns on riding the bus without a proper 6-foot distance. Bob stated there should be 1 person to a seat, but at the end of some elementary routes, there are several 2 to a seat at the last stops before the school. He will also follow up to make sure all students wear a mask on the bus. Parents will have to drive the student to school if a child does not wear masks on the bus.

1. Repots of the cross-country team running the cheerleaders at an 8th grade Football game

* Bob will look into the Cross-Country team running through the cheerleader practice.

1. Is there anything that can be done at the high school to make study hall better in the practice gym? Not the easiest environment to get work done

* Jack: Practice gym study hall is awkward but is needed during lunchtimes. high school is working on reducing the number of study hall in the gym.

Meeting resumed:

Treasurer (Erin): All units must file 990 and Charitable Trust by October. Please message Erin so she knows all units are done. All Elementary Units need to respond to Erin

Erin discussion of budget and dues:

Executive officers discussed in February and May not having luncheon, and the possibility of dues being reduced as there was not a luncheon, an open discussion ensued.

Dues invoice copy shown on screen. Units are given a credit of $ 75 from unused luncheon money.

Scholarship money income is lower as all units give their own scholarships with their money.

Insurance cannot be paid by Council if we are not fundraising, down the road, insurance money will be added into Unit dues.

Jennifer discussed Potts Award expenses, she would like to replace Plaque with a certificate, possibly some flowers. Perhaps for only this year.

Ashley motioned to approve Dues amount, Nancy second.

Online digital poll – approved 100%

Possible Unit Dues will be $ 605. This year only.

Back to budget discussion, do we want to table discussion of charging units for Luncheon? Or wait to charge in January?

Discussion: Will every unit be holding normal fundraising events this year? How do finances look across the district?

Shared onscreen the units hosting events and membership numbers – (file attached)

Motion to approve the amended budget, 1st Lisa, Ashley 2nd.  Vote online poll. Pass. 100%

Dues invoice will be due October 8th. Delegates please remind your presidents and treasurers

Scholarship money should be paid in December.

**President Report**: Jennifer Dalman: Approval of minutes, all looked good, no changes.

File as written.

Delegate reports will be shared in advance at the next meeting.

**1st Vice President (Membership):** Christa Olijar - (absent) No monthly report.

**2nd Vice President (Fundraising):** Stephanie Athey – nothing to report, send in any ideas.

Table spirit-wear fundraiser until next meeting, to see what other units may be selling.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Library:** Shea Alltmont: Library is open, revamped with computers, and extra desks removed.

Discovery Works closed down. Rather Basic. “curbside service” is going well, not getting rid of anytime soon. Online book clubs doing well. DIY Storytime bags & book bundles. New science & craft kits.

YouTube Storytime. Always available. New one every Monday. Please like and follow, after 100 followers they can get a name. (URL)

The biggest focus is “how can they help students and parents with schooling assistance?”

New “ALPL at home”, all online virtual offerings. Follow the website and social media for information.

No use of meeting rooms or in-person programs. No idea when this will happen again.

Temporary “Halloween Haunted Trail” taken over by the city for this year only, to be held at Weiss Field. Library didn’t feel comfortable with social distance policies to run the trail. They will have a goody craft bag at the end of the trail from the library. Hope to return “Boo by the woods” to Kopf next year.

FALL FRENZY “Friends of Library“ are doing the Fall Membership Drive. Please join and donate.

**ByLaws:** Erin – update every 3 years, council is good. The following units are due: Erie, East, Redwood, Learwood, and Possibly HS. Erin is sending info to unit presidents.

**Health and Safety:** Lisa Rish - “Screenagers” computer online version is available. Waiting for Bob’s input.

**Legislation**: Christa – No Report

**Luncheon**: no report

**Reflections:** Ashley Whitehead - Going ahead with. The theme is “I Matter Because…”

Every unit may not take apart. Due November 19th. Use Jack D to get information to Home Students. Also online and FB groups

**Scholarships:** Kristen Masa – Presidents will get an email in October from HS to verify their scholarship is the same. Kristen sends a separate email regarding the council timeline.

**AL School Foundation**: Kristen Masa – No craft show this year. HomeTowne Car Wash fundraiser. BW3 night was canceled due to COVID. Please donate today to “Connect for a Cause” go online at: peoplewhocare.org. Mighty Goliath as well. Meeting next week. Always need board members.

**New Business:** Jennifer D – do we want to donate money to the Levy Committee? Discussion ensued.

Kristen motioned we use $ 200 from Special Programs (as we deleted Misc. Donations dollars from the budget) to donate to Levy Committee. Ashley seconded. Poll vote. 100% passed.

Ashley motioned we vote to approve the amended budget to show the $ 200 to be spent as Misc. Donations for Levy. And $450 to be used for Special Programs. Lisa seconded. Poll vote. 100% passed.

Check to be mailed to “Citizens for Schools”

**Curriculum:** Jennifer Tilley – will meet with Jack D for questions pertaining to curriculum. PTA presidents can ask members for questions for Jennifer to submit. She will also give a curriculum update monthly from him. (Jenn D will add questions to delegate form)

Ashley: Still need Potts award winners from Erieview and Eastview.

**Delegate Reports:** *Will be emailed to units.*

Next meeting: October 15, 2020, at 9:00 am

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer at 11:36

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Klingshirn A.L.P.T.A. Council Secretary