

BVES General Membership/Open House
Monday, September 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

Melissa Bache, President, welcomed everyone and invited Cub Scout Troop 527, guided by Cubmaster Chris Frese, to lead us in the presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Melissa then asked for approval of the minutes from the General Membership Meeting, May 2017. Kellie Herlong provided the motion and Marissa Moore seconded. None were opposed so the minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

Kristi Moreno, Treasurer, introduced herself and indicated that there was a financial report in your chair. Please let us know if you need one. We would like to thank you for all of your support. We could not do what we do without each of you.

We had a great year, last school year, and finished well. The playground project has been a big push over the past two years, and, thanks to your generous support of PTA fundraisers and events, the playground is complete. This project included a new play structure, a new climbing structure, sod for the entire playground area, an irrigation system, and extras such as goals, bases, nets, and storage. This was a huge project that would not have been possible without your support. The total cost of the playground project was \$103,205. Of that, PTA supplied almost \$90,000, with the remaining funds coming from the school and from the district. That is amazing, and we thank you for making that possible! All this was in addition to our regular budgeted programs that we supported and will continue to support this year. Programs such as funding classroom supplies and mini-grants for teachers, providing grade level support and publications, assisting with special programs such as iREAD, Backpack Buddies, and Birthday Celebrations, helping with field trip scholarships, and conducting events for staff appreciation. We're very fortunate to have such an active PTA.

Two items that require a vote tonight:

First, the audit review committee consisting of Loree Hartzog, Marissa Moore, and Kristi Moreno met on July 9, 2017 to examine the records of BVES PTA from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and found them to be correct and in order. Cash balance on hand as of July 1, 2017 was \$23,142. Motion that we accept this was made by the board, so it does not need a second. There was no discussion and all were in favor. The motion carries.

Secondly, the 2017-18 budget, which can be found on the back of your agenda, was presented at our last general meeting in May and needs to be voted on tonight. Motion that we approve the budget for 2017-18 was made by the board, so it does not need a second. There was no discussion and all were in favor. The motion carries.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to another a great year.

President's Report:

The Greenville County School district is strongly encouraging parents to become Level 2 volunteers. This allows parents the opportunity to attend field trips, be able to join your student in the classroom, help with tutoring, etc. It is important to apply so that approval can happen quickly. If there are any questions, feel free to use the website, or a QR code is available in the office.

Our membership drive is currently at 85%. These are only \$5 and come with some valuable coupons which more than offset the cost. Please see the table outside to join.

Spirit Wear is offering lots of new items this year. The order deadline has been extended through tomorrow.

Fall Fundraiser is going on now. We are using a local company this year. Charleston Wraps offers high quality papers, monogrammed items (on-line only), various kitchen gadgets, magazine subscriptions, and sweet treats. We will be promoting this fundraiser through September 27.

Our Backpack Buddies food drive has also been extended through Wednesday due to hurricane Irma. Donation boxes are in the Atrium. Thank you to those that have already contributed.

Box Tops Blitz is going on this week as well. This program offers free money by simply clipping coupons from specially marked products. Box tops can be sent in to your child's teacher.

Save the date! Our yearly Grandparents' Lunch week and Book Fair is coming up October 2-6.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Burgess thanked everyone for coming. He is very happy to be here. Everyone is dismissed to the classrooms. Please feel free to ask questions from your child's teacher.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Loree Hartzog, PTA Co-Secretary.