

# HOME & SCHOOL

River Woods Elementary School  
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GENERAL MEETING **MINUTES**  
September, 14th 2023 at 7:00 PM

## River Woods PRIDE

- I. Secretary's Report - Becca McIlwee
  - A. Review Minutes from Home & School General Meeting on 5/11/2023

Motion: Meghan Second: Emily, No opposed, motion approved

- II. Treasurer's Report - Becky Wolski
  - A. Review of financial statements
    - End of 2022-2023
    - Monthly Budget
    - Overall Budget
  - B. Financial summary details
  - C. Reminder about tax exempt forms and original receipts
  - D. Update on past purchases approved
  - E. School supply donation update
  - F. Vote to amend the budget

Anita wants to move funds towards funding books for teachers.

Gina: Each classroom is already getting funds to meet that need.

Emily: How will the staff be informed that this teacher life event fund is being depleted?

Jacki: Our hope is through these fundraisers we can put some of that money back.

Meghan: The goal is to increase the fundraising exponentially to

support teachers. We have been planning for 8,000 but still are unable to find many venue options. Our projection would be to make up that 2,000 difference and hope to gain even more.

Motion to move funds from teacher life events to adult social budget: Meghan Second: Erin, motion approved

Motion to approve last years budget: Huma Second: Erin, All in favor, motion approved

### III. Vice President's Report - Meredith Pollack

#### A. Volunteer update

Meredith: We are in need of four room parents for four different classes, mostly dual language. Fall Celebrations are mostly well staffed with the expectation of a fourth grade dual language class which has no volunteers.

Gina reminded volunteers to bring in their IDs before the Fall Celebration in order to speed up checking in volunteers.

Anita: Where will the parade be for this year?

Gina: Similar to last year. The parade will be held indoors and will be streamed for parents to view

Parents are able to be placed on the waitlist for a classroom party even if they are already signed up for another party that year

Huma gave an explanation of Art Prep sign up

Carnival has no volunteers

Dawn is more than willing to help and be a chair for Carnival but expressed her need for support!!!

Catalina: Can we send an email to the whole school about the need for Carnival support? Yes, this will be done soon.

Yearbook Committee is in a big need for a co-chair

Hospitality general email chain

### IV. President's Report - Jacki Chadez

#### A. Welcome

B. Committee Chair Meeting & Openings

C. Evereve (November 29th of March 13th 5:00-7:00), Dine Out (Gia Mia), Poinsettia Fundraisers

D. Birdhouse

Purchase a new one to keep the birds out of the vents of the school

Need to get quotes on having one made versus purchasing or getting students involved

Huma suggested getting the Hurray group involved

E. Give Smart

Software system for auction items to bid from wherever you are  
The current prices are steep looking into getting other schools involved to get a group rate.

Dawn suggested another company for auctions

F. Movie Night with Pizza (November 16th)

Jacki: Do we prefer ordering whole pizzas or pizza by the slice?

Majority agreed upon slices of pizza

Emily prefers we support local pizza places

Kristin suggested a place in Bolingbrook

G. Fundraising Expenditure Goals

Potential long term goals:

1. Additional Classroom Space for Outdoors

Need to work through the district and get input from the whole community

Huma brought up that the music classroom is already outside and that the school's stage is being used as a classroom so she is wondering if there will be a need for expansion in the future and how that will impact where we decide to put the additional outside classroom

We would strategically place the outdoor classroom area so that it wouldn't need to be torn down if there are future developments

2. Signage

H. Raffle Drawing

V. Principal's Report - Gina Baumgartner

- A. Welcome
- B. Theme of Year: The Power of Yet
- C. Traffic Study

Gina: The crosswalks are something we can not add because it would add more of a spill back of cars into Naper Blvd. She was provided a city walk map to encourage safer walking. In the spring time they will provide stop lines and have cleared some trees that were blocking stop signs. Gina plans to put the traffic study findings in the news next week.

- D. Wish List Funds
  - 1. Whiteboard Tables, Teacher Books, Red Bird Gardeners

Many were surprised by the budget given to Gina to run the school and were eager to help support teachers! A discussion was had on teachers providing Amazon wishlists. There was some hesitation from the teacher liaison and that many teachers feel uncomfortable asking for items like that. It was encouraged to support the fundraisers already put in place like Carnival and Adult Social so that the money raised through these events can support teachers wish list items

- E. Fall Celebrations
- F. WatchDOGS ~ Planning Meeting on September 21
- G. Safety Director at the Feb 15 Meeting

VI. Teacher Liaison ~ Mrs. Matteson

VII. Committee Updates

Julie: New yearbook company more expensive with zero profit, do we need to vote on this? Also, a place to donate a yearbook option

Motion to adjourn:  
Alicia, Emily, all in favor

Meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.