

**Aurora Quest K-8 PTA**  
**February 9, 2016 - Amended**

6:15 pm Teri Dossey called the meeting to order and went over norms and mission statement. There were two issues with January's minutes, the guest speaker names were wrong and Tarro was misspelled. Gwendolyn Alonzo motioned to approve the minutes with these two amendments and Peter Gonzalez seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Guest Speakers.** The middle school math and science teachers presented the latest happening in their classrooms. Enrichment funded a trip to the Denver Zoo for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders, where they took Genetics and Natural Selection and a comparative on Anatomy and Evolution. 8<sup>th</sup> grade science did a session on physics with an egg drop experiment. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are collecting air particles in soup cans around the school for their Air Quality session. In math, the Trig class is participating in Tap, Tap, Trig and choice projects. 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been studying Transformations by creating a wrapping paper with a rotating design and writing math rules for the rotation. Winner gets their paper design printed out. 6<sup>th</sup> graders are studying ratios and starting integers. Students will not be participating in Math Olympics in Colorado Springs this year due to the shortage of bus drivers.

**Old Business.** Skate City brought in 60 skaters last month and raised \$135. Ms. Haley's first grade class had the most participants and won a classroom party.

**Treasurer's Report.** Mark Bailey stepped in for this meeting while we are between Treasurers. He will be keeping the books balanced and Cathy Tranchetti will do bank runs until we have a new Treasurer. We currently have a balance of \$37,780.65 but we don't know what this balance entails yet. A question was posed on whether the National PTA or a freelance treasure can assist us while the position is being filled. The previous Treasurers had to step down due to changes in personal circumstance, not because the job ran them out.

**New Business.** Cici's Pizza has been rescheduled for March 15. Hospitality Committee still needs help with main and side dishes. Our previous Boxtop balance was \$600 and we brought in \$400 more in January alone. Keep it coming in if we want the waterslide for Field Day. The PTA used to provide school supplies for back to school as a fundraiser. Their were mixed feelings about the supplies from teachers and parents. Last year we didn't have enough time to organize the fundraiser and some parents stated that they missed it. Teri found an out of state compmay that could do all the ordering online with supplies sent to the school. This would help with the issue with getting the school supply list in time. The company has 100% satisfaction guaranteed. Will continue to look into this and anyone interested should let the board know if they are interested in leading this effort. Kim Pippenger talked about Read Across America and the party we have in the library after school. Last year the PTA gave \$300 for cakes, decorations and a small take home present. She requested \$250 for this year. Morgan Jarrett motioned to approve \$250 for the Read Across America party and Tarro McCray seconded. All were in favor. The auction needs help with set up and a DJ. Ms. Amick and Kevin Popp spoke about the Robotics team's Championship win. They have been invited to the competition in Legoland in California May 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost for five students and adults was estimated to be around \$5,000. They have a GoFundMe account set up and need to commit by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. A question was posed as to whether APS could sponsor since they are representing the district. Michelle Hannawald had to leave the meeting early and notes were then taken by Cathy Tranchetti. Sandy McClaury was requesting more funding to help alleviate the cost of Calwood. Currently there is a \$2,700 line item for Calwood but busing is separate. Mark Bailey stated that the bus budget is \$8000, usually one trip per class. Dave Schoenhal and Sandy are to look into ways to bring the cost for parents down. Morgan Jarrett announced that USAgain is having another contest from 3/15 until 4/15 and the information will go into the Friday folders. A question was asked in regards to how much PTA has allotted for 8<sup>th</sup> grade continuation. They have \$400. Raffle was held for all attendees to win a school tools. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by Teri Dossey.