

## OGA PTA General Meeting

November 4, 2021 Virtually held via Zoom

This is the second PTA members' general meeting of the school year, held virtually.

**Board members present were:** Jacquelyn Nystrom, Nadia Ballard, Sarah Courtney, and Melissa Vaughan.

**Members and attendees present were:** Andrea Hale, Christina Prosser, Yochi Long, Jamie Carmichael, Diana Bernal, Katie Pridemore, Kari Bonestroo, Steph\*, Marie Yap, Falisha Olowu (\* indicates Zoom name)

**Call to Order-** Jacquelyn Nystrom, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

**Attendance/Quorum-** Attendance was taken via Zoom attendee list. Quorum was established.

**Minutes of Last Meeting-** Sarah Courtney, PTA Recording Secretary presented the minutes from the August 18th meeting verbally (due to a screen-share issue). A motion to accept the August minutes as written was made, seconded, and voted upon. Motion carried.

**Principal's Report-** Ms. Hale, O.G.A. Administrator, reported that student interest in clubs was overwhelming and many more volunteers (parents) are needed so that students who were excluded (about 24 students), can be added soon and next semester. Ms. Hale will be at the Middle School Beautification event Saturday morning. Jacquelyn and Ms. Hale know the projects and can direct volunteers to each area.

**Treasurer's Report-** Melissa Vaughan, PTA Treasurer, presented our year-to-date expenses and revenue. Membership is low according to our budget. Big expense was spirit shirts, which will be sold to recoup the expense. The OGA Fund will fund PTA's annual budget and Melissa will submit the request tonight.

**Board Activity Report-** Jacquelyn Nystrom, PTA President, established homeroom moms for grades 2-5 and they have developed class lists. Emails from Jacquelyn are sent to PTA members about monthly. Two "Stock the Fridge" events thus far were very successful (Sponsored by PTA in September and sponsored in October by 2nd grade, lead by Ms. Yoshi Long.) Had the Elementary school Beautification event- very successful, good turnout, perfect weather, lots of clearing weeds, roots, trimmings, branches. Our bylaws were held up by being out of compliance for two years' prior audit not being submitted with fee, but the PTA officers worked to correct this. OGA Open House had a PTA video that was prepared, but not viewed by most parents, so it was announced that is posted on website in Ms. Despenza's Friday message.

**Committees' Reports** - none currently as 2021-22 committees need to be formed

**Unfinished Business** - none

### **New Business-**

Campus Beautification scheduled this Saturday may get rained out. If weather does not permit painting and mulching, discussed alternatives, landed on expanding scope of January event. If cancelled, Jacquelyn will have Ms. Despenza announce in Friday message.

PTA Bylaws were approved by the state PTA. They are posted on OGAPTA.com We are in good standing with National and State PTAs and the IRS.

OGA is #1 Elementary school in Orange County and #10 in the state by US News and World Report based on FSA scores! Thanks to all teachers and students who made those test scores soar, and thanks to those who helped advertise this important ranking.

Volunteer opportunities were emphasized by Jacquelyn Nystrom; asked parents to email [OGAPTA@gmail.com](mailto:OGAPTA@gmail.com) to volunteer. Discussed how to help Middle School parents get involved in PTA and helping them feel engaged in the school community. PTA needs committee chairs.

Holiday Shoppe "Fun Services" will host it, but parent volunteers are needed to work shifts. A few tables in a covered area is needed, which will be arranged with Ms. Despenza and Ms. Hale. An online app allows parents to fund a student account and scan code is used for student shopping, so it is a cash-free event for students. Marie Yap volunteered to coordinate with Jacquelyn to see how she can help.

**Announcements/Upcoming Events-** Jacquelyn Nystrom, PTA President

1. Multicultural night: Nov 11th is Elementary and Nov 18th is Middle school.
2. BoxTops for Education - keep us in mind
3. Amazon Smile - Be aware OGA has an Amazon smile account
4. Fill out our Parent Interest Survey on OGAPTA.com to connect with us and share your ideas for PTA projects and priorities
5. OGA fundraiser: Minted 20% off with code: FUNDRAISEOGAPTA
6. Next PTA General Meeting- Scheduled for Thursday, January 13th 2022 at 6 PM, via Zoom

**Adjournment** at 7:28 pm by Jacquelyn Nystrom, PTA president

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Sarah Courtney on 11/5/2021.