

**Melrose Elementary PTO  
March 2017 General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 14, 2017 at 2:45pm in auditorium.

Meeting called to order by President Joyce Quirch at 2:55pm.

Tried a new meeting time to see if better turnout. Consensus was that this time not more convenient than morning. One member suggested having a nighttime meeting (around 7pm). Ms. Miyaji, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, was able to be present at today's meeting.

**Joyce Quirch, President**

- This Friday, March 17 from 5-7 is St. Patty's Day Dance, aka Spring Fling. We need help with set-up and break-down. Please contact Karen Steyr if you can help. K.steyr@gmail.com. Every child that attends will get 1 ticket to put in the raffle box. The items up for auction are displayed online on the pto page: <http://melroseelementarypto.org/st-patricks-day-spring-celebration-and-teacher--auction>
- Open House is next Tuesday, March 21 from 5-7. The chorus will perform. Meet at 5:00pm in the auditorium. Mr. Needleman will give a welcome and introduce the teachers. Then families are encouraged to tour the school, including your child's current classroom and the grade level above.
- Also on the night of Open House (March 21) is a Family Fun Night at Chipotle. Visit our neighbor Chipotle (La Brea/Melrose) between 4pm-9pm. Let them know you are a Melrose family and they will donate 50% of Melrose sales back to the school.
- La Noche Latina is coming up on April 21. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Paula Dominguez at riosfambam@gmail.com

**Stacy Bertuccelli, Magnet Coordinator**

- Stacy is looking for volunteers to help clean out the garage on the yard. Show up this coming Wednesday, March 22 at 2:00pm if you can help!
- Stacy is also looking for mentors to assist the 5<sup>th</sup> graders with their Project Based Learning (PBL) projects. One such project is gathering hygiene product donations for the Homeless Youth of Los Angeles organization. Contact Stacy at sbertucc@lausd.net if you can help.
- **Bring new/unused hygiene product donations to the Spring Fling.**

**Gina Viola-Peake, Treasurer**

- Jogathon has raised \$29,870. This was less than last year's \$31,000 and less than our goal of \$35,000, but up from the total given at last month's meeting (\$17,000).
- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade's portion of Jogathon \$ raised was \$11,381. This amount goes fully to funding the 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Catalina.
- In general, our income is down from last year (except for Amazon---which has increased).
- We have brought in \$3800 from Amazon year-to-date. Please encourage all family and friends to use the schools Amazon portal (on our home page) for all Amazon purchases. Amazon donates up to 8% of all sales back to Melrose!
- Recycling has been falling off. It used to bring in about \$100/week. Currently around \$50/week. Talk of how to increase participation/revenue and the consideration of halting or changing the program.
- Our expenses are up this year because we were able to purchase an entire grade level of ipads (in addition to our yearly purchase of 1 grade level of MacBook Airs).
- We have enough money in the bank right now to go forward with this summer's yearly purchase of a grade level of MacBook Airs. And provided we get the anticipated income from the buy-back of the 5<sup>th</sup> grades MacBook Airs, we will have enough money for 1 grade level of ipads, too.
- Discussion of the possibility of having a Big Buddy party before the end of year (families of 5<sup>th</sup> grade/kinder big/little buddies).
- Also discussed possibility of having Big Buddy party in beginning of year.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:52pm.**

**Minutes compiled by Katie Weber, Secretary**