

**Melrose Elementary PTO
October 2016 General Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 8:15am in auditorium.

Meeting called to order by President Joyce Quirch at 8:47am (after Title 1 meeting).

Gina Viola-Peake, Treasurer

- \$61,230 was pledged at the pledge drive. \$2200 was pledged in monthly donations from 17 families.
- We had 70% schoolwide participation, which is on par with where we've been.
- For the future: how do we increase participation?

Rebecca Hobbs and Monse, Harvest Festival

- Please sign up to help with booths.
- We need a lead for 3rd grade tattoos.
- Robin, Monster's Ball, need help setting up the day before from 2:30-5:30.
- There will be no raffle this year.
- There will be pie throwing this year.
- Ola will help Rebecca with sign ups.

Chris Shanley, beautification

- Painting will continue.
- Upcoming project: interior & exterior painting. Suggestions are welcome.
- Thank you to Sherwin Williams for the donation including 30 gallons of paint (value of \$1000-1200). Jesus Molina from Sherwin Williams was in attendance to accept our gift of a Melrose t-shirt, mug and thank-you certificate.

Christine Montes and Katie Weber, Grants

- Vote for Melrose in the LA2050 grant!

Joyce Quirch

- The tech committee is talking about reselling the graduating 5th grader's macbook airs.
- Suggested rate is \$300-400. Eligible only to the outgoing 5th grade.
- Motion to allow to sell the macbook to the outgoing 5th grade student passed.
- Thank you to Ken for last year's loan for the macbook refresh.

Sarita Singh, beautification

- Tree people update: 16 new trees are coming.
- Planting is postponed (cuts were not done & unforeseen emergency at tree people)
- Date will be Nov 12 from 9-12. Lunch will be provided.
- We are trying to get councilmembers and newspapers.
- Please bring kids
- Teachers/classrooms will adopt a tree to take care of.

Hiroko Okazaki

- October is dyslexia awareness month

Joyce Quirch

- Thank you to Kayla (1st grade)'s parents for the pastry donation and to Fratelli Café for the coffee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39am.

Minutes compiled by Katie Weber, Secretary