Zachary Lane Elementary PTA
January 13, 2015  Zachary Lane Media Center

2014-2015 Officers:
○ Jen Henderson, President
○ Cheryl Felix Vice President
○ Molly Lopez, Treasurer
○ Bria Townshend, Secretary

In attendance:
Present: Jen Henderson, President; Molly Lopez, Treasurer; Randy Moberg, Principal; Barb Karsjens, Media Specialist; Carrie Schaefer and Ali London, Seven Dreams Education Foundation; Lisa Horner, Marc Johnson, Laura Smith, and Bill Schuneman.
Absent: Cheryl Felix  Vice President; Bria Townshend, Secretary.

Welcome & Introductions,
● Barb Karsjens (Media Specialist) is the teacher representative at tonight’s meeting.
● In Bria’s absence, the minutes tonight are being recorded by Lisa Horner.

PTA Budget Update,
● Current balance: $47,087.52.  A couple of items are still outstanding, but total less than $300.
● Special notes regarding budget:
  ○ Still not too late to donate to school
  ○ Need donations to continue to have events, need volunteers and money

Seven Dreams Foundation: Carrie Schaefer and Ali London:
● Seven Dreams supports Robbinsdale Area Schools with hands-on learning grants.
● The 2nd annual Bird Bash, a fundraiser for Seven Dreams, is February 21 at the Marriott NW Hotel in Brooklyn Park.  The goal is to raise $30,000 to support elementary science and engineering programs.  The evening will include dinner, music, live and silent auctions.  Kim Insley of KARE 11 will be the emcee.  Tickets are $50/person or $450 for a table of 10.  Visit the website www.sevendreamsfoundation.org for more information.

Principal’s Update, Randy Moberg
● Mr. Moberg acknowledged Barb Karsjens and the fantastic work she does in the Media Center.
● Prior to winter break, all grade 3-5 students had a chance to practice Coding during their Media class.  If you child is interested in continuing this at home, the link is available on the school website (find the Library Media Center icon on the homepage, then select the appropriate grade level link under “Guides.”)
  ○ https://code.org/learn
The PTA is financially supporting a musician-in-residency program at Zachary Lane. World-renowned, local musician J.D. Steele will be working with all students at least once during music class, with a more in-depth program for 5th grade students.

PTA Information & Updates

- Co-Vice President Jen Leflar resigned from the PTA Board effective January 13, 2015.
- PTA Board Elections will take place at the March 3 meeting. Elections will be conducted via paper ballot, a change from past years. We hope this encourages more participation. It will also allow us to email the ballot to all paid PTA members, regardless of whether they can attend the meeting. Due to this change, interested individuals need to submit their name by February 24. More information and board member job descriptions will be coming out soon. Email zlepta@gmail.com if you are interested in a board role next year.
- Family Bingo Night is February 20. Theme basket donations are due January 30. Volunteers will be needed for this event. Watch for a Sign Up Genius link.
- Kindergarten Registration Night is February 19. We usually provide a handful of volunteers. Email the PTA if interested.
- Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair is March 9-16. Volunteers will be needed. The current book fair chairs are retiring at the end of this year. We are looking for a new team to coordinate this biannual event. Zachary Lane has one of the biggest and busiest libraries in the district, and book fair proceeds enable Mrs. Karsjens to purchase new books. Proceeds from the fall book fair were used to purchase nearly 200 books. If you can help with the book fair next year, please contact the PTA.

PTA 101

PTA is a membership group within a school that supports school events, activities and teachers. It is a volunteer organization and we are in need of volunteers! If interested in any of the opportunities below, please contact zlepta@gmail.com.

- “Eat Wings, Raise Funds” at Buffalo Wild Wings of Plymouth - Monday, February 2 (all day), flyer available here:
  - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7NmEAujxNRYRzNhYTNicUdUdE0/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7NmEAujxNRYRzNhYTNicUdUdE0/view?usp=sharing)
- Read A Thon Kick-off - Wednesday, February 4
- Family Bingo Night at Armstrong High School - Friday, February 20, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- PTA Board Elections - Tuesday, March 3, PTA Meeting
- Spring Scholastic Book Fair - March 9-16
- Muffins with Mom - Friday, May 1


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The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Our next meeting will be February 10. Zachary Lane’s PTA meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Minutes submitted by Lisa Horner.