Smyrna Elementary

First General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2016, 6-7:30

Call to Order was at 6:10pm

Opening Ceremonies – The pledge was led by fifth grade student.

Welcome/Introductions of PTA Officers & Special Guests

* Play Ball
* Tasneem Nafar and Ricardo Alvarez , SES Foundation Board Members

Secretary's Report (reading & approval of minutes from previous meeting) – Minutes were read from the March 2016 general meeting and approved by Amy Caldwell, Sean Freeman, and Tasneem Nafar.

President's Report – Everyone was welcomed to our first general meeting. Our theme “Get Involved” was explained. It was noted that we currently have 345 members already enrolled for this school year. PTA is very excited for a great school year and the great things to come at Smyrna Elementary School. We embrace diversity and each unique student. There is information about volunteer opportunities, memberships, events, and spirit wear at the PTA tables.

Treasurer's Report – The audit was turned over to the state board. We ended last year with $14, 600. We collected $37,000 and spent $22,400. We had a $5,400 surplus. There is currently $18,000 in the account. $5,000 dollars have come from sponsorships.

New Business

* Budget Adoption - $33,700 income with $32,900 expenses. It was presented to PTA members and there was a vote. The proposed budget was adopted.

School Updates (Administrators) – Administration and teachers in attendance was recognized.

Announcements

* OSD, GA PTA has an official Resolution Against It
  + OSD Info events: 9/8 at 6pm and 10/18 at 6pm
  + Local Control Rules Campaign – OSD opposition – trying to collect rulers and flood the State Capital with rulers that says “local control rules”.
  + GA PTA advises to Vote NO.
* Spirit Day at Bella’s on 9/1 ALL DAY
* Committee signups are available
* Movie Night is Friday 10/7 at 6pm. If interested in volunteering, please sign up on the movie night sheet.
* Next general meeting will be 11/1/16
* There was a discussion on the floor – A PTA member spoke to advocate for programs to be integrated in the school. Mr. Ward assured that such programs will be available to students during the day as well as during ASP. Also, newsletter will combine School, Foundation, and Principal Notes to effectively communicate to parents the happenings of the school. A Home-School Connection can be added to correspondence if parents wish.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.