**PTA Meeting January 10th, 2017**

Present: Cristina Battaglia (President), Ann Werzyn (Vice President), Nicole Giehll (Vice President), Lori Unice (Historian) and Carol Rossetti (Secretary)

Start Time: 9:03 am

Correspondence: Get Well card for Ms. Greer

 Condolence card for Mrs. Nelson

Minutes Approved: Kirsten Bruder (1st) & Kara Trant (2nd) = Approved

President Report: 3 instruments donated to Hoover (trumpet, clairenet, trombone) - teachers will meet privately with families in need to distribute.

 Veteran's Day event - $30 for refreshments - motion to approve PTA cover expense (Kirsten Bruder (1st) Kara Trant (2nd) = Approved)

 Air conditioning systems approved for elementary and middle schools and work will start ASAP. School board post start date of first day of school until after labor day to make sure air conditioning systems are working properly - proposed but not approved yet.

 General discussion of school calendar by PTA and present parents.

 Nominating committee working on PTA board for next school year. Looking for a treasurer - time consuming.

Vice President Report: Ann Werzyn had nothing to report

 Nicole Giehll thanked volunteers for helping with winter parties and setting up lunch time clubs. Talent show is coming up and students are excited about it. Winter benchmark assessment is taking place to make sure students are alright accademically/need any help.

 $25,000 donation made to each elementary school's libary. Hoover gearing towards settig up a computer sciece center and looking for volunteers to work on committee.

 Cristina Battaglia said Hoover not going to ask parents for money donations but money donations to school/library are tax deductible.

 Nicole Giehll said municipality and Hoover going to do tree ceremony on Arbor day in April.

 Kristen Duskin-Gadd asked about adding an Earth Day classroom party. Non religious. Sally John liked the idea. Cristina Battaglia mentioned added it to calendar for next year. Nicole Giehll said district allows for 3 parties per school year and perhaps it could be done on teacher/classroom basis much like 1st grade apple day.

Treasurer Report: Cristina Battaglia for Maria Stefaova

 Balance at $7,253.04

 Checks for reimbursement are in PTA box for parent pick up

Historian Report: Lori Unice lookinf for chair reports and blue folders

Committee Reports:

 Adopt a School - Ann Werzyn said amazing amount of donations made for school in need - coats, food, etc..

 Book Fair - Cristina Battaglia for Natalie Wagner & Sharyn McGill. March 4th and looking for volunteers to help at Barnes and Noble store.

 Kids of Steel - Cristina Battaglia for Shannon Harpst KOS not a PTA program. Workouts on day 1 and starts in February.

 Hoover 5K - Cristina Battaglia for Julie Smith Looking for 3rd person to chair.

Kirsten Bruder added Hoover doesn't want to loose event. PTA gets alot of money from it and other schools want the event but police said only one time even for the year - too much man power for them to spare. Need volunteers to make event work.

Volunteers: Cristina Battaglia talked about how its the same faces/volunteers and we need to reach out to get moms, dads and guardians involved with school/PTA events. More people working though but we need parents in order to make events happen for students.

Talent Show : Cristina Battaglia said 15 acts so far, looking for parent volunteers and will take place at Jefferson Middle school.

 Ann Werzyn proposed asking for a food donation for Hoover food donation drive instead of charging admission.

Holiday Shop: Carol Rossetti brought up process of switching over to all homemade items is a big process that needs to be started now and would like to form a committee. Kristen Duskin-Gadd and Sally John agreed to be o committee. Would like to stay with Penguin Patch for the benefit of the school but incorporate more homemade items into the shop. Cristina Battaglia mentioned upcycling materials to make things to sell and is looking into it. Lori Unice suggested doing a separate sell of homemade items it make record keeping easier for Holiday Shop. Sally John talked about a school that purcshases items at the dollar store and marks them up to earn a profit.

 Discussion about new families in the area getting involved with school . Nicole Giehll suggested a buddy system - current PTA members reach out to new parents?

Fundraising/Box Tops: Leslie Broverman asked if still collecting box tops (Cristina Battaglia said yes) and Mecca Fundraiser (Cristina said Hoover spririt mom looking into it).

Meeting adjourned: 10:17 am