

INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL OF ATLANTA PTO INC

Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 pm

Virtual

48 members in attendance

I. Michelle Scherer, co-president, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Approval of February 2nd membership meeting minutes – APPROVED

III. Michelle explained that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to elect a new board. She asked if there are any new candidates who have not previously made known their interest to run for a board position.

No one came forward.

IV. Board member reports

A) Co-presidents - Katharina Pramor and Michelle Scherer

- (1) The biggest PTO event of the year was the Run the World with ICSAtlanta 5K and Fun Run. There were over 600 participants, and it brought in a net of over \$11,000.
- (2) The PTO Virtual Silent Auction was the second biggest event, with over 100 items up for bid, donated by ICSAtlanta families and local businesses. The Auction brought in over \$5K.
- (3) Because of these two events, enough money was raised to revisit one teacher request from the Teacher Grant Program. Ms. Bell had requested 5 digital cameras for the Middle School Visual Art program, with the intention of requesting 5 more next year. In the fall, we did not have enough money in the budget and had to table the request for 5 cameras. However, with the proceeds from the Race and Auction, plus the fact that we found a cheaper model, we were able to purchase 10 digital cameras with accessories. These have been delivered to the school.
- (4) In the fall, we had to cancel the Family Photoshoot because the photographer had a family medical emergency. We are happy to be able to offer a Spring Family Photoshoot because a teacher has graciously offered to be our photographer! The Photoshoot will be this weekend (May 6-7) at Garrard Landing Park on Holcomb Bridge Road. The Photoshoot will take place rain or shine. There is a covered bridge at the park, so hopefully the weather will not be a deterrent. So far 19 sessions have been booked. There are still 13 left!

B) VP of Student Enrichment - Vira Linkenback

- (1) Throughout the year, we have provided hand crafted centerpieces for the tables where you had "Lunch with Your Child." We hope these made the atmosphere enjoyable as you enjoyed these precious moments with your kids!
- (2) At the end of the school year, we will provide cupcakes for the 8th grade graduation dinner.

C) VP of Special Programs - Andrea Allen

- (1) In February, we had a Spectacular Salad potluck provided by ICSAtlanta families. A huge Thank You to those who sent in a salad. And thank you to those who donated toward purchasing items to fill in the gaps. The teachers loved it!
- (2) In mid-March, a local chiropractor, Optimal Spine and Body, catered a bagel breakfast for the teachers and staff.
- (3) On the Day of Play (March 31), the staff requested a Salad Bar, and we were happy to provide one!
- (4) In April, we treated the staff to a catered lunch by Le Madeline.
- (5) May 8-12 will be Teacher Appreciation Week. We have SignUpGeniuses for a thematic treat each day of the week. The Lower Campus families have already filled up the SignUpGenius, but the Upper Campus has some gaps, especially for drinks and desserts. Both campuses are low on Wednesday's Soup and Salad Lunch. Please sign up to bring a soup! If we need to cater, we may ask for some crock-pots to keep the soups warm. In addition to the suggested treat days, feel free to do your own thing to show your teachers appreciation!

D) VP of Community Relations - Karen Nelson

- (1) Throughout the year, we have provided gift cards to teachers who have had special events that we knew about: wedding, baby, or family support.
- (2) We will be offering EduKits again this year. The school will give us the approved supply lists, and we will coordinate with the EduKits representative. This is very convenient for families. The kits are delivered in the summer and contain everything you need to start the school year! We will send the word out when the supply lists are ready.

E) VP of Fundraising - Tiara Suhr

- (1) We have had 10 Spirit Nights this year and have raised \$1104. The most successful one was Panda Express because it is nationwide.
- (2) Tuesday, May 16, will be our last Spirit Event. Scream'n Nuts, which is located next to House of Hummus, has agreed to give us back 15% from every ICSAtlanta family's order all day (from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- (3) In the fall, our first Spirit Night will probably be Panda Express because it is the easiest to set up.
- (4) Michelle explained that in years past, Spirit Nights were monthly at Chick-fil-a, and families gathered to eat while children played in the play area. If you are wondering why we no longer do Chick-fil-a Spirit Nights, it is because Chick-fil-a discontinued them! Most of them have undergone renovations and removed the children's play areas. While Chick-fil-a remains committed to giving to schools, they no longer host monthly Spirit Nights. So finding places to host has been a huge challenge both last year and this year.

V. Introduction of 2023-2024 Board Candidates

Michelle introduced each candidate by name, and each candidate told a little about themselves, their children (including language track), and their vision for the coming year.

A) Lia Balanag - candidate for Secretary

(Lia was unable to be present, so Michelle read her prepared statement.)

B) Bernice Booker - candidate for Co-President

C) Rachel Romo - candidate for Co-President

D) Janet Ngonadi - candidate for Co-President

E) Dana Bryant - candidate for VP of Community Relations

F) Natali Fleming - candidate for VP of Special Programs

G) Christabelle Fombu - candidate for VP of Student Enrichment

H) Perla Brito - candidate for VP of Fundraising

I) Andrew Roth - candidate for Treasurer

VI. Farewell to Uli Ingram

Uli was a founding member of the International Charter School of Atlanta PTO, Inc. when the school first opened. She has been President of the PTO Board, and she currently serves as the Parliamentarian. After being an integral part of the ICSAtlanta PTO Board for eight years, she has decided to step down. Her youngest will graduate from 8th grade next year, and she feels this is the appropriate time to hand over the reins to a new group of leaders with fresh ideas. She will make herself available in the coming school year, should PTO operational questions arise. You will be missed, Uli!

VII. Elections - Run by Uli Ingram

Uli explained the voting process and put a link in the chat to a secret ballot. Each person could only vote once. In the case of the co-president position, there are three candidates for two positions, so each person should vote for two of the three. The rest of the candidates remained uncontested, so they were voted on as a slate: yes, no, or abstain. The results will be announced tomorrow.

VIII. Time was given for comments and questions.

IX. Michelle adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.