

September 12, 2017

The General Meeting was called to order by President Lindsay Moody.

- Introduced Exec board:
 - President: Lindsay Moody
 - Vice President: Toni Walters
 - Treasurer: Mike McNerney
 - Auditor: Sterling Thompson
 - Secretary: Nancy Pearl

Dr. Arnold:

- Avery is participating in a program through SLU and educational leaders from Saudi Arabia will be observing at Avery on Tuesday and Thursdays for about two months. They have been very impressed with the students' leadership skills at Avery
- There will be a chicken committee meeting at 7:30am next Tuesday to discuss bringing the chicken back to Avery
- Follow what's going on at Avery on Twitter with @Avery_Elem

Fall Festival Updates:

- Steph Slonka steph@slonka.com is the chair for fall festival which is taking place on Friday, October 6th from 6-9pm.
- Drop off small toys (happy meal toys) to be reused as prizes to Amanda Vader at 661 Clark
- Volunteers are needed! Sign up to work a shift or donate baked goods via this sign up genius link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa8a828a1f49-avery>

Mike McNerney presented the budget draft. We will vote to approve it at the next meeting. See the PTO website for the budget draft.

Webster Equity Bridge Update-

- Amanda Vader presented on the Webster Equity Bridge. It's a group of parents from all schools who are interested in race and equity in WG schools. The next meeting is Monday at 7pm at Edgar Road School.
- It would be great to have more reps from Avery
- There is a Facebook page called Webster Equity Bridge.

Webster Groves School District Foundation

- Tim Halls presented on the foundation and explained that it is focused on supporting grants that support innovation in the classroom.
- So far over \$6000 has gone to projects at Avery (therapy dogs, vegetable and butterfly garden, and coding).
- Ways to participate - make a donation and a teacher tribute

