President Michelle Nelson called meeting to order at 5:47pm.

Number of guests & parents in attendance: 59

PTA Officers introduced to general membership

- President Michelle Nelson
- Vice President (vacant)
- Treasurer Amanda Pike-McCrudden
- Secretary Teddy Wu

Welcome by Dr. Mona Leigh Guha, Director of CYC

- Reminded parents that Mrs. Wiest and Ms. Holiday now lead afternoon gathering at 4:45pm
- New staff member, Bernadette Daly, special educator, introduced. Ms. Daly supports each classroom; she is available for guided observation sessions to help parents understand what is taking place in the classroom
- Request parents to call the front desk if another individuals will being picking up your child

Research at CYC

- Parents encouraged to complete consent forms so children can participate with current studies
- If your child participated with a researcher during the day, you will find a “R” that has been scratched out next to your child’s name on their sign-in sheet
- Researchers Introduced
  - Dr. Melanie Killen (Michael Rizzo) from the Department of Education; social and moral development, exploring how children develop a sense of fairness
  - Elinora Leonard (Dr. Huang) from the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences; studying active language development

Treasurer Report - Amanda Pike-McCrudden

- Current balance: $12,167
- Recent expenses: playground maintenance and redesign, new indoor play equipment, outdoor play blocks, 2016 end of year teacher’s wish list, projector
- Fundraising
  - Annual Events: Family Night Out, Book Fair (Dec), Silent Auction (April)
  - Future endeavors: Amazon Smile, create CYC paraphernalia (tshirts, magnets)
  - Parents encouraged to register online for Giant grocery store’s A+ School Program
COMMITTEE REPORTS

International Picnic- LaKeisha Swan, Chair

- Saturday, October 29, 2016, 2-5pm, CYC Playground
- Please bring a dish that is native to your country or region of origin.
- Recent change to potluck request. Instead of designating each room to a particular item, the new sign-up sheet will allow parents the freedom to choose which items they want to bring, while limiting the number of items each class can contribute to the potluck
  - Sign-up sheets are now available in each classroom.
- Recipes to be submitted via email this year to reduce paper waste
- Short musical and dance performance will begin at 3pm
- Still in need of volunteers to facilitate arts and crafts, clean-up/breakdown. Sign-up online.

Families Read- Anne Daniel, CYC Assistant Director

- 26th semester of Families Read, CYC’s book club
- Families Read program will be abbreviated this fall due to CAECY accreditation;
- Anticipated start in early November; Anne working to finalize book list.
- Selected books located in Great Room. Punch card used to track child’s progress.
- Parents to sign clipboard located in Anne’s office once child completes book.
- Anne will discuss books with participating students; Each child receives a certificate once they finish the reading list.
- Please talk to Anne if you are interested in sponsoring a set of books for your child's classroom

Green Committee – Vera Weist

- 0.5lb of trash disposed the last two Trash-free Tuesdays! Thank you for your participation.
- Blue Room assisting the Green Committee to become recertified as an Eco-School USA Green Flag school from the National Wildlife Federation.
- Participating with Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” campaign to encourage increased physical activity at school.
- Encouraged families to bring their own plates, utensils, cups to the International Picnic. If 25 people participate, each classroom will receive a subscription to Ranger Rick Jr.

Silent Auction- Claire Worshtill, Chair

- Most profitable annual fundraising event; $3500 raised in 2016
- Event will take place on a Saturday in April (date TBD), 6-8:30pm at Mulligan’s
- Ticketed event, no childcare provided
- Service point opportunities for families who help coordinate, solicit donations, and volunteer
- Each class creates a class gift; parents contribute to a class basket to be auctioned
Look for upcoming email

Family Nights Out - Tracy Sweet, Chair

- Monthly fundraiser at local restaurants; MUST BRING FLYER FOR CYC TO RECEIVE DONATION
- September event at Franklins was a success
- Upcoming Events
  - Tues, Oct 11 at Ledo’s (4509 Knox Rd, College Park, MD)
  - Tues, Nov 15 at Hard Times Care (4738 Cherry Hill Rd, College Park, MD 20740)

ROOM REPORTS

Yellow Room - Brook Fisher Liu, Room Representative

- Current Study: yet to be announced
- Families have enjoyed the Yellow Room Book and family homework
- Parents self-organized to coordinate child pick-up to avoid late fees

Green Room - Trisha Lay, Room Representative

- Current Study: yet to be announced.
- ** Hint: students have experimented with instruments, dancing, and singing**

Orange Room - Kimberly Trainor, Room Representative

- New Study: yet to be announced
- Local fire marshal visited the classroom.
- Students have discussed families, recycling and composting
- Students enjoyed making their All About Me Books

Red Room - Nora At Khen, Room Representative

- 7 experts and 11 explorers this year
- Current Study: yet to be determined
- Students are enjoying family homework and sharing family photos

Blue Room - Erin McGarth, Room Representative

- Current Study: Theatre and Drama
- Recent field trip to the Clarice Performing Arts Center
- Students are enjoying literacy, math and science blocks; recently measured student heights and weights

Purple Room - Kristy Murray, Room Representative
Current Study: yet to be announced
Focus on building community and getting to know each other

Open Discussion

- Suggestion for use of microphone at next meeting
- Staff able to utilize stock pile of school supplies; hence parents received a shorter list at the beginning of the school year. Staff will request additional supplies as needed.

Volunteers Needed

- PTP Vice President (10 points)
- Fall Luncheon Chair (5 points)
- Spring Luncheon (5 points)

Upcoming Events

- International Picnic October 29
- Book Fair (email to follow) December 7-13

Next PTP Meeting December 14

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm