



How to get people to meetings!

How to get people to meetings is pretty simple:

- ☆ give them what they need so they can prepare,
- ☆ use a minimal amount of time to get things done in an orderly, democratic fashion,
- ☆ don't do committee work at meetings,
- ☆ get them out knowing that their time spent at the meeting was worthwhile
- ☆ make sure to make meetings are meaningful (get things done, prepare, etc.)
- ☆ and manageable (time, child care, food, etc.)
- ☆ think differently,

"Body counts" is not important

- ☆ Look at the array of work is happening throughout the year,
- ☆ the number of people you serve with all your events (not just children),
- ☆ the quality/value delivered of all those experiences

Yes, you can do some of it at meetings, but meetings are about the basic running of an association.

Unfortunately most PTAs meet to meet, not to get things done. Most times, it's the board that needs to meet to make decisions, move money around, deal with emerging issues, etc.

General meetings—most units don't need to do more than one or two a year per bylaws....and, instead of working so hard to get people to meetings, you should be channeling energy to get people to meaningful events that will help parents support student success. If you do that, you will get new leaders and volunteers because you will have provided real value.