

April 20, 2011 FHCS PTO Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 3:40pm

The Pledge of Allegiance started the meeting and was led by J.L.

In attendance: JL Jackson, Sari Roth-Roemer, Gina Duxbury, Lydia Moore, Linda Pileggi, Donelle Johnson, Shannon Lorance, Larissa Jones, Kim Hogan, Dyana Carroll, Marissa Watson, Traci Harrison, Heather Strure, Karyn Miller, Michael Bashaw, Lorie Wilkinson, Susan Ludewig, Nita Watson, Ms. Maureen.

1. Approval of last month's minutes:

Addendum was read by JL regarding correction of Item 2 Treasurers Report in March minutes. JL explained in detail the sustaining fund for teacher/student ratio funding. The PTO transferred \$11,692 to the Student Teacher ratio category of the Sustaining Fund this year and the school will reimburse the PTO this amount + \$1 interest when they are reimbursed 6/29/11 from the state. Gina made a motion to approve the March minutes and addendum posted on the website and Ms. Maureen seconded the motion. Unanimous approval by all those in attendance. Lydia asked that unapproved minutes on the website be marked as such, until voted on during the PTO meeting. This was agreed upon by all.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Lydia gave the report. She noted that some of the numbers were not completely correct re silent auction vs. live auction yet as all expenses were not shown. Approximately \$20,000 was raised this year. Current balance is \$19,208 in checking account. Accurate treasurer's report will be forthcoming and posted on the website when available. Ms. Maureen made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as told by Lydia, Sari seconded. Unanimous approval by all those in attendance. Lydia had a discussion with Mr. Michael and Ms. Karyn about the sustaining fund and how the school wanted to use it. It was agreed that the school would continue to follow the current guidelines that have been set up for the sustaining fund. It was noted that this year we have 147 students (138 when kindergarten students are added as half weight).

3. Gala Recap:

The gala was a fabulous success! We discussed how pleased everyone was with the tremendous job Gina did and the good amount of money that was raised in this new low expense format of using a beautiful home to hold the

gala. Gift certificates were given to Kay Engler, Sue Lyons, and Gina Duxbury in the amount of \$100 each to show our appreciation. Gina expressed hopefulness that we can raise even more next year!

4. End-of-Year party:

The End-of-Year Party will be held Wednesday, May 11th from 5-7pm to coincide with the bookfair. Sari is chairing it. She reported that we were given a good discount from Sir Bounce A Lot. She received a quote of \$1214 which included a Trampoline bouncy and rockclimbing wall and a dry slide. Sari asked the group whether we should add a bounce house for the little kids for \$99 and add attendants for the slide and the bounce house for \$20/hr. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. Gina discussed left over gala items that could be raffled off, as well as a 50-50 raffle that could be used to help cover the cost of the party. We will also have a donation jar placed by Mr. Michael and his bbq. Sari will send out an email tonight requesting volunteers.

5. Book Fair:

Donelle and Larissa reported that the next book fair will be held May 11th to coincide with the End-of-Year-Party. It will be a buy one get one free this year, as a thank you to the families. It will start at 2:30pm until the end of the year party.

6. Field Day:

PTO has donated Jamba Juice in the past years, which costs \$400. Lydia and Gina noted that this was a great expense and asked if there might be another more economical option. Lydia will look into what the options are and find an alternative cold hydrating treat for the kids.

7. Future Fundraising events:

Gina and Nita went to Gilbert school district for a fundraising "field trip". We can use these ideas as fundraisers next year. Gina reported on an outline for fundraisers next year. Silent auction, live auction, dog show and garage sale will be held as usual. We can also have a discount card tailored to our school and sell them - they are \$20 and we get \$10. In mid-November we will have a Saturday shopping extravaganza. We can solicit vendors to come sell and we will get a portion of their profits. We would like 15-20 vendors. Jewelry, candles, kids stuff and a store for kids to buy parent's presents will be included. We will advertise to the community. Gina and Nita will get together with Ms. Karyn during the summer to discuss fundraising plans. Lydia also asked about pasta sales. Gina said we could do that in September. We will still need to have middle school fundraisers for the Catalina trip; Ms.

Karyn will coordinate these efforts with Ms. Lisa and Ms. Lorance. There will be an effort to coordinate middle school fundraising with school fundraising events.

8. Class Rep Coordinator:

Heather agreed to be our class rep coordinator for next year. This is a new PTO appointed position. We ask that she can be at every PTO meeting and will ask classroom parents to come to every meeting too. She will coordinate all of the parents. We will be more specific about class rep requirements. She will promote involvement and get info out. This also helps people get used to seeing how PTO works so they can ultimately be prepared to take board spots. Next year each class will make an item for the auction, and class reps will help with that.

9. 2011-2012 PTO Board Nominees:

This year Ms. Maureen led the nominating committee. She presented a slate of officers for next year to be voted on as a group:

President: Gina Duxbury

Co-Vice President: Marissa Watson and Nita Watson

Secretary: Kim Hogan

Co-Treasurers: Lydia Moore and Lydia Pileggi

A discussion regarding President Elect position to allow the incoming president to observe the workings of the PTO was brought up. Susan Ludewig expressed a willingness to take on that role for next year, as did Marissa Watson.

10. Vote:

Karyn made a motion to approve the slate of officers and Mr. Michael seconded the motion. The slate was voted on and unanimously approved.

11. Tabled Items:

The issues of President Elect raised by Sari and Teacher Evaluations raised by Lydia will be tabled for discussion until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm

Next meeting to be held May 18th.

Respectfully submitted by Sari Roth-Roemer, PTO Secretary

Minutes awaiting approval.