

Wednesday, October 27th, 2010 PTO Meeting
3:30pm Art and Technology Room

Meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

In attendance: JL Jackson, Sari Roth-Roemer, Gina Duxbury, Lydia Moore, Linda Pilaggi, Karyn Miller, Michael Bashaw, Heather Strure, Ms. Tracy, Ms. Karyn, Rick Moncada, Carmen Fenny, Pamela Di Salvo, Marissa Watson, Nat Handler, Nita Watson, Steve Feyrer-Melk, and Ms. Misty.

1. Pledge
2. Gina made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Michael seconded. Unanimous approval.
3. Treasurer's Report was handed out to everyone by Linda Pilaggi
4. Mr. Michael spoke on Structured Recess - he discussed new state statute 15-108 and House Bill 27-25, to adopt a recess policy to improve physical activity. Seeking public input. Michael asked for feedback on an outline. 30 min outdoor supervised recess, encourage moderate to vigorous physical activity such as football. Discourage 2 or more hours of inactivity during class. In Montessori, that is not as much of an issue. None of our student's are ever seated for more than 2 hours, with the exception of 90 minute testing sessions. Lydia printed it off the computer and noted that Fountain Hills school district rejected it. Everyone was in agreement about what Mr. Michael wrote.
5. New laptops - Ms. Karyn explained that we have a computer lab and that old laptops have been handed down to middle school. Cost is about \$1000 per laptop. We have seed money PTO has always used to pay for gala. This year we don't have to pay for a venue and gala costs are less. We decided it would be a good idea to use some of this money, along with tech money to pay for new computers. There are about 10 very old computers that need to be replaced. While it is not urgent, it would be well spent on new computers. JL asks that someone take on the role of the Laptop Czar to keep on top of this program and find out what are needs are and if we need a new server or platform. Gina volunteered her husband Chad to help with this. A discussion regarding PC vs Mac discussed.
6. Candle Sales - Gina - Pamela is totaling this and will give the amount to the PTO board as soon as she has the amount.
7. Thanksgiving Day Float - There were 8-10 people at the float meeting at

Starbucks last night. Mike Norton is the new chair. The theme is Santa Workshop. Everyone left with a project to do. It is moving forward again. Committee declined the tractor trailer float and using Linda's trailer from last year. We're going to have the kids pass out reindeer food (cheerios and oatmeal). The bag will have Fountain Hills Charter School info label on it.

8. Update with Art Walk and Silent Auction - we have a new chair - Nat Handler. He has a tremendous background in fundraising and marketing. He's already got a few high ticket items collected. Michael is working on getting a signed Fender guitar. Nat has connections with all the sports teams in town, Live Nation, and the major resorts. He described a number of good ideas for fundraising. Donating businesses will get large recognition from the school. Nat presented his very positive viewpoint regarding how to get larger donations. Also working on a live auction MC, perhaps Dave Pratt. We're all very excited to have Nat on board. Silent auction meeting will be held at 7pm next Tuesday November 2nd at JL's house. We want each class to produce \$1500 worth of minimum bids. We have all class reps:
- Dyana & Dale Carroll - Ms. Talia
 - Marissa Watson - Ms. Maureen
 - Matt Johnson & Tanya Hedjazi - Ms. Carmen
 - Al & Shannon Moe - Ms. Carmen
 - Samantha Morton - Ms. Talia
 - David & Lisa Valko - Ms. Misty
 - Alan & Nita Watson - Ms. Lynette
 - Heather & Jason Struve - Ms. Carolyn
 - Nat Handler - Ms. Lisa

9. Thanksgiving Harvest Dinner - Donelle has asked us to spend \$75 to offer a craft for older kids to help younger kids. A discussion ensued around the need for this and ultimately it was decided that it was *not* needed, but that we always appreciate Donelle's good ideas.

Misty is arranging the kitchen and storage space to be ready for the Harvest Dinner. She will inventory what we do have and let us know what we need.

10. Pasta Sales - Lydia shared that we are waiting for the catalogues for them to arrive. We were told that we may not get pasta in time for Christmas. We decided not to do it this year. Which means we need to find a new one. Nat shared about a gift wrapping fund raiser. Gift wrapping event in the gymnasium for three Saturdays after black Thursday. Or we could wrap at the local malls. They supply the table and the table cloths. We supply all the

wrapping supplies. Some concern was expressed about needing a large amount of "man power." Gina suggested that we send out an email to the school to find out who would volunteer for December 11th. Every volunteer to bring ribbon and tape. Pamela will train the wrappers.

11. Box tops - Lydia reported that we have \$50 so far.
12. Garage Sale Update - Monica is ready for us to use a 22x12 storage unit. She will give it to us for \$100 a month. Gina will work on finding something more cost effective.
13. We have a gala possible date change. Since nothing is invested in those dates we decided to change it to April 2nd, possibly.
14. Washington D.C. middle school field trip and fundraising- Gina updated. We got the price down to \$460 - \$560. Entertainment books brought in \$600 and cups brought in \$700. Dance will be next Friday. Doing babysitting and Barnes and Noble and Living Museum to help fundraising also.
15. Pizza Card - Nat discussed this new fundraising idea: buy a card for \$4 and sell it for \$15 and you get a buy one and get one free pizza for 26 free pizza's a year. Trying to get Redendos to participate.
16. Ms. Karyn says don't forget about the tax credit!! Write your check for a dollar for dollar tax deduction and help support the school today!

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.