

Fountain Hills PTO Executive Committee Meeting January 20, 2015

PRESENT: Tara Lamar, Dwight Johnson, Kristy Coup, Nicole Perkins, Ken Brande , Omar Vargas, Rosemarie Barker, Karen Pedersen and Jill Reed

ABSENT: Lauren Vargas

The meeting was called to order by Tara Lamar at 9:08 a.m. in the Conference Room at Fountain Hills Unified School District Office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was a motion to approve the December 16, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Gala Update: Class baskets – 11 parents have signed up for the classroom baskets. Nicole will send out a reminder. Rosemarie will handle communications regarding the 4th and 5th grade baskets. We need at least 2 baskets from each grade. Copy all the teachers and Mrs. D regarding class baskets and emphasize that they are a huge portion of fund raising for the Gala.

We are continuing to collect donations from various businesses. We recently received a \$20 Dick's Sporting Goods and a \$200 Target gift card. We've been receiving lots of help from "grandma Pam" who received a donation from Sunridge Canyon Golf Course.

Flyers will be finished this week and sent home in the Friday folders.

We are still waiting on Fire Rock to get us pricing. Decorations will have an emphasis on the Mardi Gras mask. The Apex info should be taken down from our website so we can upload info on the Gala. Also need to talk to Sun Pastries about making a King cake.

Yearbook: Need to get order sheets out. The prices have been set. We will have a link for parents to purchase personalized "ads" to their students.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Event: Are we going to do one? It's a busy time of year for everyone and we would be competing with many other activities. If we a carnival, we can have a bouncy obstacle course. We could enlist the high school students and various clubs to have game booths. There would be wrist bands sold for activities and tickets sold for food. Rosemarie will take the lead on this event. Tentative date set for May 15th at the old Four Peaks. We will need to contact the Parks and Recreation department to see if they'll open the restrooms for our use during the event. Another possible location is Desert Vista Park. This one might be preferable because they have lighting at that facility.

Open Discussions: Karen is able to upload minutes to the website along with text but has not been trained in adding graphics or changing labels. We need to have Nicci give us a training session.

Apex – we have collected 70% of donations thus far totaling around \$12,000. Our goal is still to collect closer to 75%.

In August we will hold a meeting with all of the teachers and principals on what we currently do and how we can help. This would be an excellent time to discuss funding requests and criteria that we look for when deciding on those requests. Maybe we can bring breakfast to a faculty meeting? We'll try to come up with a brochure or list of the top 20 things that we are able to fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The December cash balance is \$74,000. We still need to meet with Lisa regarding funding of the teacher certificates. She has been on medical leave.

Ken Brande left the meeting at 10:15

VP REPORTS

McDowell Mountain

Request for Funds – None

Site Council- None

Four Peaks and Middle School

Request for Funds

- Anita Gomez - \$2,400 shortfall for club sponsorships. The request was tabled at our last meeting for additional information. The itemized list of clubs the money will benefit are: Falcon Leadership, Art, Dance, Yearbook, Cheerleading, Photography, Chess and all sports. The money will mainly be for stipends. We wondered if we were allowed to pay for stipends and decided there is not a problem. It's not covered in the School Budget. It would basically be the same as funding the homework lab which done for years.

Going forward, each teacher should submit their requests individually for each club. We will discuss this in August at our meeting but in the meantime, maybe Anita should relay the information. Request approved.

Site Council – none

No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next PTO Board meeting will take at the Learning Center next to the Fountain Hills Unified School District Office at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristy Coup
PTO Board, Secretary