

**Fountain Hills PTO  
Executive Committee Meeting  
October 21, 2014**

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

**ABSENT:** N/A

The meeting was called to order by Tara Lamar at 9:06 a.m. in the Conference Room at Fountain Hills Unified School District Office.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ken reported our balance of approximately \$73,000. We still need to fund our teacher certificates of \$22,000. Ken will set a meeting with Lisa Martinez on funding these.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Were approved with the stipulation that they be proof read one more time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Membership Drive:** The pizza parties for the winners of the drive will be on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade team won a \$400 certificate. We have new teachers this year that probably aren't familiar with how the money can be spent. Karen will meet with them to let them know how it works. The certificates can be spent on any classroom materials but no food or any class party items. They do expire January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Updates:** Teacher certificates will be delivered by Friday, October, 24<sup>th</sup>.

The directory input is finished. Jill just needs to finalize a few things.

We have 114 PTO discount cards left to sell. We will post on Fountain Hills Connections.

**Website:** The calendar has been updated. The pictures Dwight submitted are too large to post. Nicci will be able to downsize them in order to upload to the website. We are still missing some minutes from last year that need to be uploaded. Karen will talk to Nicci about adding the SavMor cards to the website for purchase through PayPal. This will be a good test to get ready for online Gala ticket sales and future PTO membership sales. We do need to re-visit the PTO Goals and update on the website.

**Book Fair:** Four Peaks/Middle School did a lot better in the new location in the library on book sales. Dudes and Donuts was a huge success. We probably need to order more donuts next year. Volunteers were lacking this year but PTO Board members did an awesome job filling in and running the fair. Going forward, it might be a good idea to have the kids leave their backpacks outside in the hall before going into the book fair. Scholastic was our vendor this year for the book fair. Supplies arrived late and communication was lacking. Our contact person was not prepared. Also, it was mentioned that there were not many bargain priced books. Maybe we can have a clearance bin next year. This year we will receive 60% of sales. Next year, we will only

receive 40% of sales because of the merge with A+. On a positive note, Scholastic will be able to email the teachers to create a “wish list” for their classrooms.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Redondos did a great job. The volunteers who sign up to bring items did not follow through. We did have enough food for all the teachers and they appreciated it.

**Sponsors:** We are continuing to get items for the Gala. Lauren is delivering flyers all over town. We discussed sending thank you notes to the larger cash donations. The Barker Team with Keller Williams will be our Gold sponsor for the year with a \$2,500 donation. We will have banners made for our main sponsors. They will be displayed at all of our PTO events. We should keep a list of who has been contacted so they aren't asked to donate more than once.

**Gala:** The entrees will be buffet style and will be grilled salmon and tenderloin. Committee chairs are still working on what sides will accompany the entrees. The theme will be Mardi Gras and it will be held on February 28, 2015. A lot of the classrooms do not have a classroom parent this year. We will need to have those teachers ask for volunteers for the classroom baskets.

Ken Brande left at 10:10

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Apex Fun Run:** This will be our next big event. The Teacher Huddle for Four Peaks will be on 10/29 at 2:45. The Pep Rally will be on 11/3 at 2:45. The kids will be given a lanyard and mini thin rubber bracelets with each theme on them. The run will be 11/13 at 9:00. We need 8-10 more volunteers.

The Teacher Huddle for McDowell Mountain will be 11/3 at 8:00. The Pep Rally will take place on 11/4 at 2:30. The run will be 11/14, time TBD. There will be a collection meeting on 11/24. We will receive 40% of the proceeds.

**Halloween:** Tara will email a schedule for board members to sign up. Frasier Carnival will be there.

**T-Shirts:** Rosemarie is heading this project. She announced that McDowell Mountain has agreed to change their mascot to the Falcons. The PTO will pay to change their marquee. The middle school already sells t-shirts on their website. We should get with Anita to coordinate on where the shirts will be sold and if it is possible for the PTO to share in those profits if we sell them on our website too.

**McDowell Mountain Yearbooks:** We do not have a chairperson for this project. We will send out an e-blast asking for a volunteer. They are on sale for the same price as last year, \$18. After January 20<sup>th</sup>, the price will go up to \$23. We are still using Jostens. The principal helped pick out this year's cover. It will be a sewn book with autograph pages. We will be offering parent ads on 4 pages at a profit of \$70 per page. We currently have 1/8 and 1/4 page ads available. We should check into offering a smaller size ad as well.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Tax override –we are 2 weeks away from the election. We have posters to hang in the local businesses and FAQ flyers to pass out. We will need volunteers on Monday and Tuesday to hold posters reminding parents to vote.

We received an invitation from the Town of Fountain Hills to set up a PTO Booth at their 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. It will be held on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00. We will have a 10x10 space with table and chairs. A motion was made to approve our participation in the event. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **VP REPORTS**

### **McDowell Mountain**

Request for Funds – Mrs. Harley and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team- \$1,880 for the Singapore Math conference. It teaches different techniques and strategies for math. It does align with Saxon Math.

Request for Funds – McDowell Mountain Team - \$100 – Vex Robotics Challenge.

Site Council- Sending out flyers to parents on the Response to Intervention Program. Mrs. Bovinette needs volunteers to help with recycling.

### **Four Peaks and Middle School**

Request for Funds – Anita Gomez – \$500 for gift cards. They would be issued in \$10 increments from Starbucks to give to chaperones and volunteers

Request for Funds – Anita Gomez – \$200 for gift cards. They would be issued in \$10 increments from Starbucks to give to student tutors.

Site Council – none

Motion to approve for Mrs. Harley \$1,880 - passed

Motion to approve Vex Robotics Challenge \$100 - passed. The PTO will also approved t-shirts for the team, coaches and teachers.

Motion to approve Anita Gomez \$500 – passed

Anita Gomes \$200 - denied

No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m. The next PTO Board meeting will take place in the Conference Room at the Fountain Hills Unified School District Office at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristy Coup  
PTO Board, Secretary