

**Fountain Hills PTO**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**December 17, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Jill Reed, Dwight Johnson, Melissa Greenlee, Nicole Perkins, Karen Pederson, Rosemarie Barker, Ken Brande, and Lisa Meyers

**ABSENT:** Tara Lamar

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This meeting was called to order by Jill Reed at 9:10 a.m. in the Conference Room at Fountain Hills Unified School District Office.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There was a motion to approve the Oct. 8, 2013 and Nov. 19, 2013 minutes. The motion was denied until editing for corrections occur.
  
2. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Apex Fun Run** – \$29,262.94 was received with only 84% of pledges being collected. Apex will attend PE classes next year, each school will determine specific goals to use the earnings from Apex, and the online payments will have a more prominent “opt out” feature for the PayPal fee. There was a motion to hold the Apex Fun Run next year from Nov. 3-14, 2013, the motion passed unanimously and was approved.
  
  - B. **Gala** – Verne C Johnson Foundation is the only sponsor as of now, donations are low, and new ways of establishing sponsors and donations need to be established. The Gala set-up at Eagle Mountain will begin at 4:00pm and conclude at 5:00pm. At 5:00pm appetizers will be passed, 7:30pm salads will be served, 7:45pm dinner will be served, and 8:15pm desserts will be served. The DJ has been booked and will play 80’s music from 6-10:00pm. Dwight Johnson will pursue the putting contest.
  
  - C. **PTO Website** – Karen Pederson has begun to have the PTO website updated. Nicole Perkins will keep the PTO FaceBook page updated. The FaceBook page will have a link on the PTO website.
  
  - D. **Grandparents Day** – The event was held at McDowell Mountain Elementary and was successful, even with a lack of volunteers. PTO photos were also successful.
  
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **Scholastic Bookfair** – The Bookfair will be held from Feb. 27, 2014 until Mar. 7, 2014 at all schools. Lisa Meyers will be the Chairperson at Four Peaks and Middle School and Melissa Greenlee will oversee the Chairperson at McDowell Mountain. McDowell will have a few days of preview for the students and will need 2 volunteers per shift. “Dudes and Donuts” and “Books and Bagels” will be held on Mar. 4 or Mar. 5, whichever the principals prefer.

**B. Open Discussion – The Board discussed:**

1. The deadline on the McDowell Mountain Yearbook for the discounted price of \$18 being Jan. 30, 2014.
2. The elimination of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat.
3. The advantage of placing an article in the FH Times to recruit PTO volunteers who are not parents in the District.
4. Dwight Johnson investigating the amount of money the District has received from local businesses such as Target, Safeway, etc.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT –** PTO funds are up from this time last year. There is an outstanding refund from Rio Verde. The PTO needs a new credit card machine, Ken Brande will research the options.

**5. VP REPORTS:**

**A. McDowell Mountain Elementary –**

- i. **Request for Funds –** No requests.
- ii. **Site Council –** There was not a meeting held.

**B. Four Peaks Elementary / Middle School-**

- i. **Request for Funds –** No requests.
- ii. **Site Council –** Boys v. Girls Canned Food Throwdown has begun. Traffic control is an issue (dropping students off at the band room), a Traffic Safety Club is in negotiations. Stugo organizes the dances and Spiritweek and doing a great job. Ms. Gomez is considering a program based off P-pac that the High School uses; a Principals Advisory Committee.

No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next PTO Board meeting will take place in the Conference Room of the Fountain Hills Unified School District Office on January 21, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Lisa Meyers