

**Fountain Hills PTO**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**October 8, 2013**

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**PRESENT:** Tara Lamar, Lisa Meyers, Melissa Greenlee, Rosemarie Barker, Kathy Bovinette, Dwight Johnson, Nicole Perkins, Karen Pederson, Tanya Alker

**ABSENT:** Jill Reed, Ken Brande

**GUEST:** Maria Perreault with the Fountain Hills Coalition

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The meeting was called to order by Tara Lamar at 9:04 a.m. in the Conference Room at Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There was a motion to approve the September 17, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. **GUEST:** Maria Perreault explained that the Fountain Hills Coalition is a non-profit youth substance abuse program. The Coalition works closely with Fountain Hills Unified School District to educate students on dangers of youth substance abuse. Some programs include Text-a-Tip, "Above That" at Fountain Hills Middle School, involvement at prom and graduation and guest speakers at Fountain Hills High School. Maria invited Board Members to join the Safe Homes Network, a pledge to not allow underage drinking in your home. Maria provided sign-up sheets and brochures.

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**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **School Bond & Override:** Ballots to be mailed soon. Voting closes on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage others to vote. The group discussed methods to encourage voting, such as Letters to Editor, call lists, posters and car windows.
- B. **Teacher Luncheons:** Vice-Presidents from each school gave updates on status of luncheons, including volunteers, items still needed and checks needed for vendors.

- C. **Parking spaces:** Nicole Perkins will contact Suzanne Hummel to determine options for her vacant parking spaces.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Youth Frontiers "Kindness Retreat":** Dwight Johnson gave brief background of Youth Frontiers program. PTO is sponsoring "Kindness Retreat" for fourth grade on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Board members are invited and encouraged to attend.
- B. **Halloween in the Hills:** PTO will have a table at the event on October 31<sup>st</sup>, with a banner, candy, and Halloween decorations. Tara [LamarLama](#) will coordinate volunteer shifts to work the PTO table.
- C. **Yearbook for McDowell Mountain Elementary:** Melissa Greenlee is working with Josten's to finalize ordering information and order forms. Tiered pricing will be \$18.00 per yearbook before January 30, 2014 and \$23.00 after that date.

#### D. Gala:

- i. Sponsors for the event are still needed. There was discussion of potential sponsors, including a title sponsorship of \$5000 with possible yearbook placement and table of 8 at the event. Tara Lamar will update listing of Sponsorship Opportunities to provide to potential sponsors. Board members are to send five potential sponsor names to Tara Lamar to ensure we are not repeatedly contacting local businesses.
- ii. There was discussion about excluding golf because pricing offered by Eagle Mountain is not enticing. There was a motion to exclude golf from the event. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- iii. Tiered ticket price will be \$50 before January 30, 2014 and \$60 after that date.
- iv. Letter stuffing meeting will be on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9AM at Tara Lamar's house. We will stuff requests for donations. Dianne Stricker will teach someone to use online donation request forms.
- v. It's time to get the Gala committees into action!

#### E. Open Discussion

- i. Directory: Jill Reed will complete the directory and distribute electronically.
- ii. Teacher Certificates: will be available prior to Fall Break.

- iii. Book Fair: Melissa Greenlee suggested using Scholastic points to buy decorating kit. Melissa will get more information – such as how many points are needed and our current point balance.

## 5. VP REPORTS

### A. McDowell Mountain

- i. Request for Funds
  - a. Ms. Harley requests \$3,095 to fund Reflex Math for grades 1-3 for the remainder of this school year. There was discussion regarding advantages of Reflex Math. Motion was made to fund Reflex Math for grades 1-3 for this school year. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
  - b. Mrs. Bovinette requests \$400 to purchase 60 chair back pockets for some second and third grade classes. More information is needed. Discussion tabled for next meeting.
  - c. Mrs. Tolis requests funds for “no cell phone” signage. More information is needed. Discussion tabled for next meeting.
  - d. Mrs. Tolis requests funding for \$150 shortage from parent contributions to provide Scholastic News. More information is needed. Discussion tabled for next meeting.
- ii. Site Council – Nothing to report.

### B. Four Peaks

- i. Request for Funds
  - a. \$3,200 is requested to fund chess instruction, one hour per week to teach 4 classes in fifth grade. There was no motion to approve funding chess instruction for fifth grade.
- ii. Site Council – “Capturing Kids’ Hearts” is going well. Cookie dough fund-raising delayed to October 10.

### C. Middle School

- i. Request for Funds – None at this time.
- ii. Site Council – Nothing to report.

No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20a.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 19, 2013.

### **Addendum: Additional Business**

- 1. Parking Spaces:** Suzanne Hummel informed Nicole Perkins that she would like to maintain control of both of her parking spaces – one at McDowell Mountain Elementary and one at Four Peaks Elementary.
- 2. Apex Fun Run:** Tara Lamar informed the PTO Board by email on October 8<sup>th</sup> that Apex Fun Run offered FHUSD an earlier date due to a schedule cancellation. Principals at both McDowell Mountain Elementary and Four Peaks Elementary prefer the November dates. Tara motioned to change the fund raising dates from December 2-13 to November 1-13, citing an incentive to be scheduled farther away from Christmas. The motion was seconded and was passed via email.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Bovinette

PTO Board, Secretary

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