

**Fountain Hills PTO  
Executive Committee Meeting  
September 17, 2013**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**GUEST:** Jim Dickey, Friends of Fountain Hills Schools Committee Chairman

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This meeting was called to order by Tara Lamar at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at Fountain Hills Unified School District Office.

1. **GUEST:** Jim Dickey and Dwight Johnson reviewed the two upcoming bond issues on the mail-in ballot. They emphasized that this is a **continuation** of the K-3 override and the importance of the both issues. They encouraged all to vote and to refer to the website [www.fhkids-yes-yes.com](http://www.fhkids-yes-yes.com) for more information.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There was a motion to approve the August 20, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **Membership Drive**
    - i. Final count is 270 PTO families enrolled.
    - ii. Classroom winners are (Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) Gyger, Hoppe/Boyce, Tolis, Cooper, Ness, Dyrhaug, and Male. Seventh grade won grade level award at the Middle School.
    - iii. The Board discussed suggestions to improve membership drive going forward, such as: early bird discount, reduced renewal fee, send registration forms after back to school barrage of enrollment forms and flyers, promote events at SavMore card vendors and sell cards. All Board members are to bring additional ideas to next meeting.
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **APEX Fun Run:** This Preschool – Fifth Grade event was very successful last year and requires very little from PTO. Our only responsibility is to provide volunteers at the event to mark t-shirts as students run laps. APEX informs, inspires, and provides prizes and marketing, along with t-shirts and lanyards for the students. The Fun Run is more than a fundraiser, as it also promotes character development.
  - B. **Gala:**
    - i. Rosemarie Barker provided update of location scouting for the Gala event. She visited Sun Ridge Canyon and Eagle Mountain. Eagle Mountain

will offer a reasonable dinner package in a wonderful setting but the golf package is cost-prohibitive. There was a motion to eliminate golf from the event and focus on a Gala-only event. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Ken Brande suggested that we attempt to negotiate a long-term contract with the venue to maintain pricing.

- ii. There was discussion about the date of the Gala and concern around scheduling conflicts, primarily with League League dates in the Spring. Finalizing date to be discussed at next meeting.
- iii. Sponsors for the event are still needed. Discussion of potential sponsors was tabled for next meeting.

#### C. **Organizing Committees**

- i. Teacher Luncheons-on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Each school has \$300 budget. Vice Presidents are to meet with their Committees to determine theme, seek vendor for food entrees, and provide list of items and requested volunteers to be listed on Jooners.
- ii. Yearbook: Melissa Greenlee will head up the yearbook meeting the volunteer Committee at McDowell Mountain Elementary and Rosemarie Barker will meet with the Four Peaks Committee.
- iii. Book Fair: Tara Lamar will set up meeting with Committee volunteers.
- iv. Gala: Tara Lamar will set up meeting with Committee volunteers.

#### D. **Falcon Spirit Wear**

- i. Lisa Meyers will determine dates in the Fall to sell limited quantities of Falcon wear. Items will also be available for sale in the Middle School office. Suggestion was made to sell items at school sporting events.

#### E. **School Supplies** – tabled for next meeting

### 5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Ken Brande reviewed financial status.

### 6. **VP REPORTS**

#### A. McDowell Mountain

- i. Request for Funds –None at this time.
- ii. Site Council – No meeting was held.

#### B. Four Peaks

- i. Request for Funds - None at this time.
- ii. Site Council – No meeting was held.

#### C. Middle School

- i. Request for Funds – Request written by Katie Peters for up to \$1200 to fund specialized Homework Club. Further information is needed – how identify students and tutors and how tutors are paid.
- ii. Site Council – No meeting was held.

**7. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:** Please bring ideas for:

- Additional fundraising
- Increasing PTO membership
- Potential sponsors for the Gala

No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10a.m. The next PTO Board meeting will take place in the Learning Center at the Fountain Hills Unified School District Office at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8th, 2013.

### **Addendum: Additional Business**

1. Board Position--With the resignation of Lisa Mulkey as PTO President, the board voted by email to elect Tara Lamar as President for the 2013/2014 school year. All board members responded and the vote was unanimous. Tara's name will be added to the bank accounts with the removal of Lisa Mulkey's name.

2. The board discussed the date and location of the PTO Spring Gala during the executive meeting. Rosemarie Barker researched dates and venues and in order to secure a site, the board was asked to vote by email for the new date and location. The board voted and approved to hold the Gala at Eagle Mountain Golf Club on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Bovinette  
PTO Board, Secretary