

**Fountain Hills PTO
Executive Committee Meeting
December 16, 2014**

PRESENT: Tara Lamar, Dwight Johnson, Kristy Coup, Nicole Perkins, Ken Brande , Omar Vargas and Lauren Vargas. Rosemarie Barker arrived at 10:40

ABSENT: Karen Pedersen and Jill Reed

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was a motion to approve the November 18, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Book Fair: There were a couple teachers at McDowell Mountain that didn't have time to pick out their books and/or didn't care for the selection of books. Nicole has been working with them and has found a solution for the 2 teachers to get their books. McDowell Mountain still has \$2,736 to use on books and Four Peaks has \$4,186.

Apex Fun Run: It turns out there was some miscommunication on the initial pledge amounts vs. profit amounts. The total amount pledged was actually \$35,968. Currently, we have collected 67% of pledges in the amount of \$24,179.72. We are still working on collecting the pledges and hope to get to at least 75%. The school has received \$12,573.45 so far. The majority of the money pledged is from McDowell Mountain. Mrs. D would like to continue participation in the Apex Fun Run however, Mrs. Gomez does not. Apex and the PTO both agree that it still makes sense to continue the run even if it's only McDowell Mountain participating. A motion was made to have the Apex Fun Run again next year at McDowell Mountain. The motion was seconded and passed.

Gala Update: Class baskets – Nicole has received a list of room mothers. She has drafted a letter that will go out to the room mothers and the teachers at Four Peaks today. Jill will also send out an email via Jooners. The baskets will be due by January 22. Donations- We haven't received many new donations recently. We need to begin calling businesses that we've previously reached out to and remind them that we are still accepting donations. We also need to get together and brainstorm decoration ideas.

Lauren left the meeting at 9:28

Yearbook: After the Holiday break, we will get flyers distributed for pre-sales. The prices have been set. We will have a link for parents to purchase personalized "ads" to their students.

Grandperson's Day: The photos raised \$340. It was a great turnout and everyone had fun! A motion was made to continue the Grandperson's Day luncheon next year. The motion was seconded and passed.

McDowell Mountain Pep Rally: This was a huge success! Mascots from the high school and the middle school attended. They high-fived the little kids as they came into the auditorium. The high school band, cheerleaders, football and basketball players were in attendance. We should put some of the video captured on the website. Everyone who attended agreed that it was amazing! There are still some youth size t-shirts available for sale and will send an e-blast out on this. The marquee should be finished this week.

Fountain Hills Birthday Party: This was also a success. No Savmor cards were sold but many people stopped asking what the PTO is and what we do. So, we raised some awareness for the PTO. Our sponsor banners for the Barker Team and the Verne C. Johnson Foundation were displayed.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Discussions: It was mentioned that we should brainstorm fundraising ideas that might get more of the community involved. An example of this might be an event like the Color Run.

Historically, request for funds is down. Should we have our own goals? i.e. an iPad in the hands of every child. Whatever it is, we need to have the schools behind us in the goal. Maybe invite the principals to a meeting to discuss?

TREASURER'S REPORT

The November cash balance is \$68,000 with a few outstanding deposits. We are still hovering around \$70,000 which is a little higher than last year at this time. We still need to meet with Lisa regarding funding of the teacher certificates.

VP REPORTS

McDowell Mountain

Request for Funds – None

Site Council- Brain Pop program – Jill Cooper says it shows expired when trying to access the program. Nicole will figure it out and report back to Mrs. Cooper. The Pep Rally was huge success. Enrollment is up by 9 in December. There should be an additional 5-10 students coming. They are trying to think of new things to do for Falcon Fridays. Bringing back the Turkey Trot might be a good idea. The kids would run laps to get a medal. In the past, the kids always looked forward to it. Congratulations to Jennifer Harley who is the Rotary Club teach of the month. Also, congratulations to Susan Bovinette who has won the Veterans of Foreign Affairs Teacher of the Year award for The Valley. She will be moving on to hopefully win the State award.

Four Peaks and Middle School

Request for Funds

- Anita Gomez - \$2,400 shortfall for club sponsorships. They need \$3,500 and have only raised \$1,100. This would impact approximately 60 students and allow some small clubs to continue. The request was tabled as would like more details on which clubs this would encompass. We will take an email vote on this once we have more information.

- Anita Gomez - \$2,500 by January 5th to purchase small items for Falcon Feathers that are given out as awards. This would impact 625 students in 4th-8th grades. Request denied.

- Anita Gomez and Lydia, the librarian - \$10,000 for new books for the library.

Rosemarie arrived at 10:40

Currently, the school has \$6,390 available to them to purchase books. \$1,004 through A+ Books, \$4,186 with Scholastic and \$1,200 in the M & O budget.

A motion was made to approve up to \$5,000 after the current funds available are exhausted. Omar will work with Lydia to utilize the available funds before funding any additional. The motion was seconded and passed.

-Amy Nichols - \$1,125 for a teen leadership trip – this would impact 24 kids. They would learn team building and leadership skills on an adventure course. The course is provided by onedayadventures.com. Request denied.

Site Council – none

No further business was brought before the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 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, January 20, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristy Coup
PTO Board, Secretary