

Board meeting minutes 4/16/14

Present: Ryan Manner, Cindi Carrell, Dan Keppler, Bert Dupre, Ina Zucker, Matthew Latterell, Heidi McNamee, Beth Azar, Kim Jarvis, Kieran Cannistra, Karen Belsey, Justine Light.

Regrets: MaOxford Lerotholi, Dana Buhl, Diana Deumling.

Elizabeth Began the meeting at 6:45pm. A few amendments were made on the minutes and Matthew made a motion to approve and it was seconded and carried.

Foundation update: Foundation will have one final raffle with sales ending on April 30th. The Raffle will be advertised as a "Southern California Vacation" to attract more than just those who want to go to Disneyland. There were lots of ideas suggested to help drum up interest in the community. If Raffle sells out, the Foundation will end up with about 13k. There will still be a need to put out an end of year ask....ideally ending the year with about 24K after equity piece is taken out. Karen has put the realtor idea on the back burner until we can figure out how to do it.

Treasurer's report: Proposed 2014-15 PTSA Budget- Cindi Carrell handed out the proposed budget and discussed it at length with the group. Next years budget not too different from last year. biggest changes were back to school ask (raised), citrus sale added, wreath sale added again, and she feels that at least 5k in fundraising should be added somehow. She lowered the advocacy budget and added budgeting for quickbooks on its own instead of taking from discretionary. She will meet with Matthew and Amy before going further with the budget for next year. Read-a-thon will top 23K in funds raised.

School budget update: Matthew gave this report. Amy says that she was not given the .5 rte for the reading specialist. There are overcrowding all over the district and so she was not supported for that. We are facing 3,4,5 grade classes with a minimum of 33 students in each class. We are looking at compiling a letter to PPS board requesting more support with the large classes, with a reading specialist (half time), a letter to the targeted parents from amy and teachers would be good. There may be some movement in the fall as well. People are retiring and there will be some shuffling in the 1/2 and middle school. Amy will be doing in house interviewing in the next few weeks. Looking at the timeline, the ask should go out soon. a small committee will work on outreach for this ask.

The Auction was discussed and it was suggested to do it late february, early march and all agreed that would be a better time to hold it.

Nomination committee update: there are holes: coordinators for stone soup and pie night. pta clothing closet, ptsa vp, secretary, fundraising chair and 2 at large members, MS dance coordinator, tree recycling, wreath sale and citrus sale coordinators, and a few other smaller positions.

Fundraising: whole foods day will be in september 9th or 10th, or 17th, second preferably. (instead of june), Burgerville is the 29th with mo, laughing planet is May 28th.

Communications: We looked at the calendar to see where events would fit in. Harvest faire could be Oct 18th or 25th, someone will check with Chairperson Holly Cook, as well as Co-coordinators Josh Palmer and Sid Peck. Conferences are now in October. Auction in late winter. Sharing the Wisdom went really well and it felt like there was definite value to continue. It was suggested that there be some sort of welcoming event to help anchor the new kindergarden parents.

For the next general meeting, our guests will hopefully be some 8th graders to talk about their Catalina experience.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.  
Minutes taken by Secretary, Justine Light