

Attendance:

Randi Sarkin, Diane Condi, Tom Juring, Cheryl Seeley, Kymberlee Frischman, Leigh Winston, Nora Simpson, Lisa Shatner, Katherine Cosentino, Sukanya Srinivasan, Cheryl Vergot (Market Day), Tony Woods, Laurie Minnock, Melanie Weisbord, Michele Raison, Keyanna Lucky, Jonathan Rubin, Sarah Quesen, Blair Echols, Lisa Goldberg, Holly Levenson, Eric Singer, Alla Kipiller, Chris Pistorius, Jonathan Burton, David May-Stein, Sarah Sirim, Amy Scott, Cheryl Dennis, Gabriella Gonzalez, Nora Simpson, Jennifer Ganger, Meiduo Wu, Cora Wallace, Maren Cooke, Shannon Ewing, Sherri Mayer.

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

1. Welcome by Tom Juring, "How the Colfax PTO works."
2. Introductions
3. Treasurer's report (see attached Budget)
4. Fundraising
 - **Market Day:** Cheryl Vergot presented the Market Day program.
 - Largely frozen foods
 - Order online or thru school, pickup Monday 4:15 to 5:15
 - No prepayment necessary
 - All forms of payment accepted (cash, check, credit or EBT/food stamps)
 - **"Life Style"** is Market Day's fall fundraising program
 - 50% of sales to student programs.
 - Discussion regarding fundraising in the school, and candy sales in the school.
 - PTO Fundraisers - Lisa is contact person
 - **ENJOY!** Coupon books will be available thru October
 - \$27 cost, \$12.50 to students
 - **Cash-to-schools programs:** Office Depot, and other stores have codes which will send part of your purchase costs to the school. A list of programs and codes will be put together before the next PTO meeting.
 - **Boxtops** - Shannon Ewing presented on this topic
 - Many new products/companies are participating.
 - New motivational "contests" this year.
 - Giant Eagle promotion: if you buy 10 "Boxtop" items in one shopping trip, and use your Advantage Card, you will get 70 boxtops on the receipt (worth \$7), and this can be applied to any contests.

5. Fiesta

- **CHANGE OF DATE to Wednesday, September 30, 5:30-7:30 pm**
- Potluck, no charge.
- Tables for gluten-free and nut-free items will be labeled.

6. Student/Family Directory

- September 30 is also the last day for directory submissions/authorizations
 - Directory information will be collected up until the end of Fiesta.

7. School Safety Issues – Tom Juring

- Concerned about jay-walking, double parking & speeding in front of the school.
- There have been pedestrian deaths in this area; it is a very real threat.
- Parents, please SET AN EXAMPLE for the children and model safe driving and street-crossing.
- Mr. May-Stein outlined his plan for engaging school police and local police in enforcing driving and pedestrian laws over the coming weeks.
- Tom would like to join with other concerned parents to create a safety campaign in coming weeks, to include signage, articles in newsletter, and other techniques to enhance safety around the school.

8. Homeroom parents – Cheryl Seeley

- Please sign up to volunteer and/or serve as your child's room parent
- Even if you are unable to plan ahead, please come to the school, as there is always help needed. Mr. May-Stein promises to make good use of your time and energies!

9. New Business

- Discussion regarding funding requests:
 - Last year, money was promised toward auditorium equipment (microphones, etc), but the equipment has not yet come in.
 - There was also discussion last year about a "computer lab" or other technology enhancements.
 - Suggestion: Acoustic panels in old gym. (discussion)
- Spanish language & culture after-school program (see attachment)
 - Shannon Ewing has been investigating having Institute for International Arts & Language present a once-weekly after school program for children to enhance the Colfax Spanish program. The program is on hold at the moment, pending approval by the school board; please let Shannon know if you are interested.

- After School programs
 - JCC “Kids Club” after school program at Colfax
 - JCC “clubhouse” program at the JCC on Forbes
 - EAP (Educational Assistance Program) is awaiting funding; late buses for children attending after school programs are dependent on this funding.
- Play-60 program
 - Diane Condi reports that the 8th graders had a great time during the first Play-60 event. The program is designed to encourage students to spend at least 60 minutes a day doing physical activity.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, 10/6, 7:00pm—regular meeting.

Tuesday, 10/20, 3:45 pm—Toast the Teachers. Special time to encourage staff attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm