

Colfax PTO EB Meeting  
April 3, 2013  
Colfax Library - 3:35 PM

In attendance: Joie, Shannon, Abbie, Annie, Jenny, Henry, Kipp, Ida Michele (late:))

Abbie spoke about a Colfax alum and owner of Up Modern Kitchen (restaurant in Shadyside) who wants to have Colfax night every Sunday to donate 20 percent of dinner bill to Colfax every Sunday. Everyone thought it was a good idea. Will start right away; we can put it on the Yahoo group each week and on calendar.

Laminating for PSSA posters. They have been dropped off at Kinko's. Cost will come out of school supplies.

Shannon and Abbie will run again for co-presidency. Election next week.

## EVENTS

Ida noted that Carnival is coming up. No chairpeople yet. Jenny will follow up on the volunteers. Cafeteria will allow us to use the refrigerator and freezer. Will do Blue Bunny ice cream instead of snow cones. Shannon will handle the ice cream.

Sunday's Garden event is coming up. They got the hula hoop person down to a better price; they nixed the band. Doesn't have to be voted on because Ida is fine with the hula hoop cost coming out of events budget.

## VOLUNTEERS

Jenny is going to contact people who are cleared but she does not know whether they are volunteering. Lara and Amy will come back and run the volunteer committee next year. Ida might run for volunteer coordinator.

## TREASURER

Henry spoke about this year's fundraising: we have raised 53,277.64, more than last year by approx. 14K. Plant sale still coming. We should ensure we are not missing opportunities to fund things. Adam's account is pretty much accounted for and will be spent. Technology budget still has 5K in it, but tech department is not ready for us to spend yet. We are waiting for the green light from technology. Inventory will be done at the end of this year.

Will vote on a budget at the May meeting. We should e-mail next year's budget out and link to the website. Could we send out a form that solicited ideas for funding - with guidelines, such as letting people know that this does not mean that it will be funded; a sponsor at the school; who will implement the idea; etc. Gabi Gonzalez drafted a form. Timing issue, about when to send out this type of form? Should we have a budget line

for "initiatives"? Should pool be in the budget this year? Possibly a budget line for capital improvements.

Kipp spoke about today's Yinzercation blog, which talks about all the things that the Colfax PTO has done for the school. The form will let people know that the PTO is open to ideas.

Henry would send flyers out in backpacks, receive info from people, then bring ideas to EB.

Discussion about the budget process. Keep process the same as last year. Keep pool in budget in case the district does not do it. Pool is approximately \$24000. The Chlorox Grant is 50K. It is awarded based on parent votes. Next year's budget is estimated to have about 15000 extra easily and Henry W suggested that we would have enough for the pool re-do if, especially with fundraising.

Grow Pgh will need \$6000 next year. Should we ask Garden Committee for budget?

Family fun night may need to  
Middle level may want to double their budget to 3000. Population is increasing. Also, transportation is expensive and extra money would help with that.

Henry will take a shot at a revised budget for next year and submit to the board.

We should do an end of the year memory tile push for 8th graders. Sarah S had a template last year for the tiles. Jenny will talk to Shannon and Darcy about this idea.

Is there need for money for Ballroom Dancing.

Thank PTO for Shakespeare money. Colfax and CAPA were the only reps from PPS. Bus was funded by PTO. Astrid Mueller was a finalist. Kipp spoke about the importance of theater at school.

Ms. Plum had a massive stroke earlier this week. She had been a Minadeo this year. Ms. Jeffery is trying to find out more.

Discussion about middle school musical or other ways to get kids involved in music after school here.

Anne Kurzweg  
Michele Levine

