

Colfax PTO EB Meeting

February 6, 2013 - 3:30 PM

In attendance: Abbie Campsie, Sarah Sirlin, Anne Kurzweg, Henry Willis, Michele Levine, Joie Conroy, Jenny Ganger, Darcy Gordon, Kipp Dawson, Ida Simpson

PRESIDENT - Abbie

Abbie passed around thank you cards from teachers.

Mr. Lydon's night out on 2/2 was less successful this time; there were other events going on. Grossed 210.00, which PTO will split with Mr. Lydon.

Facilities mgmt will come to pool tomorrow afternoon, and Abbie will attend and observe. Abbie has given Joe all the materials and estimates that she has collected. We will still go ahead at P4P as though we are planning to raise money for the pool, and Adam is on board with that.

Jessie gave info about the Yinzercation issue voted on over the weekend, and we reviewed Jessie's e-mail re: donations. There will be \$2,060.00 total, not all coming through the PTO. We will get \$ in first before we pay out. The event committee does not expect that PTO to put out any \$. All donors are aware of the financial arrangement, and one donor funded this way last year. Next year's board will have to vote on this issue next year.

Henry said that another nonprofit he was involved with considered such requests, voted on each one, and took a percentage of the donations. Darcy noted, and others agreed, that the current information from Jessie would have been helpful to have earlier. At the time of the vote, there were so many unanswered questions.

Henry suggested perhaps that in the future this type of issue -- i.e., not so direct/obvious benefit to the PTO -- should be brought up with more advance notice and raised with the general body.

City Dining Cards possible fundraiser for spring.

COMMUNICATIONS - Sarah

Communicator was supposed to come at the beginning of the week, but there was a snafu so it will be done soon. \$30.00 in shout-outs.

FUNDRAISING - Darcy

P4P ticket sales going well - 104 sold so far. Last planning committee there last night. Sukanya Srinivasan and Ann Anish are in charge of procurement and assembly, and

Melanie did the class baskets. Mrs. Bickerstaff and Mrs. Stefaniyak are going to donate a basket with food items because they cannot attend.

From 7-8 PM, people arriving. Equity committee asked that we have name tags, and equity committee members will be at door getting people's name tags made. Rachel Rosenfeld and Sara Segel are greeters. They will also help be icebreakers and target those who might not know others or who have not attended P4P before.

At 8:00 Adam will do a mini community time - he has 6 minutes! Abbie and Shannon will get up and say a couple of words. Break for first raffle; 20 more minutes; break for live auction at ten minutes to nine. Auction closes at 9:30. Bar will be cash only, no credit cards. Darcy passed around the menu.

Henry will check on the gross last year, but thinks it was about 26,000.00. Ticket sales were 5 or 6 K last year, about 140 people.

Lara Bruhn will donate some desserts from Prantls, and we are getting other cookie donations.

For PTO Meeting, agenda will have a reminder to buy tickets and bring cash to the meeting. Tomorrow, Ida will do same robocall as last week.

EVENTS - Ida

Carnevale will be the June 11. Ice skating 2/27 this month, 7-9 PM, at Schenley. 2.50 for skates, otherwise free to get in. Ida will be selling snacks there. After P4P, we will ramp up for Carnevale.

TREASURER - Henry

Raised 34,165.57 so far. We have spent only 14,000 of our budgeted 54,000. Family fun nights are about half way through. We should think about what types of thing we should be doing. Principal's discretionary fund has done some great things, and we could do more. School supplies we have spent 100 and have budgeted 2500. Mrs. Bickerstaff will do a supply order for the end of the year. 7000 budgeted for enrichment, and we have spent 1000.

Individualized teacher requests might not be the type of thing supported by our budget - we contemplated supplementing Adam's budget for core/schoolwide supplies. WE can see what those will cost and perhaps consider paying for individualized requests.

Sarah asked about technology - PTO has money dedicated to technology, but the district is supposed to be providing wifi. Some rooms have more difficulty with the wireless access than others. Joie thinks the problem is not resources, but district manpower.

We could survey staff re: technology issues in their classrooms. Technology could be a big initiative.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR - Jenny

If volunteer committee continues, should the committee be under the PTO, or remain separate? The committee has been very successful.

Spring elections. Presidential elections in May, and the rest soon thereafter. Discussed the possibility of approaching elections differently this year, for example with nominations ahead of time, and ballots ahead of time at the meeting.

We also should discuss the various issues surrounding co-positions and be very clear ahead of time with the general body.