

General PTO meeting
May 8, 2013
7:00 PM
Colfax Cafeteria

In attendance: Abbie, Darcy, Michele, Ida, Sarah, Adam, Annie, Ellie, Henry, Jenny, Kipp, Joie, Camille, and approximately 6 attendees.

PRESIDENT/ELECTIONS

Abbie announced that facilities management has agreed to fix and update the pool over the summer -- new floors and the works! The PTO will purchase towel bars and hooks, etc., and has budgeted 1K for those purchases. The pool was going to be proposed as part of the budget for next year, but don't need to now.

Board elections for next year: Mary Lou Robinson, unable to be present, nominated for Fundraising; Sivan Ernest, unable to be present, nominated for Communications (discussion of whether there could be co-vps for Communications, and how positions have shared duties). Camille also nominated for Communications. Ida nominated for Volunteer Coordinator. Ray Obenza for Assistant Treasurer. Henry Willis nominated for Treasurer. Michele Levine nominated for Secretary. No nominee for Events at this time. Ida explained the work involved in the Events position.

Ballots collected for Communications vote. Unanimous for Camille. Unanimous vote for the slate.

Abbie thanked outgoing board, individually.

EVENTS

This Friday, middle level dance from 6-8 PM. Cleveland trip June 3/4 - thanks to everyone who contributed to bingo. Everyone who wants to go to Cleveland can go, with leftover \$ for bus snacks. Plant sale pickup 11-4 outside, and Maren will be selling organic veggies, gardening items, etc. Beth Tiffany and Carol Luckner coordinated sale.

Carnaval - Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30. Set up begins early in the day, so need volunteers. Missing a chair for cleanup at this point; all other chairs filled.

FUNDRAISING

We just sent a bunch of Shoebox shoes, so another check should be coming. Continue to bring shoes!

VOLUNTEERS

Teacher appreciation week. Jenny thanked the teachers and staff at the meeting. Something has been done each day this week. Candy, flowers, catered lunch, basket raffle, more mailbox treats coming! Homeroom reps have been contacted to make sure each teacher has been taken care of. Will be contacting people about Carnevale.

Kipp thanked everyone from the teachers and staff, and passed around a card from teachers and staff. Adam spoke about how appreciated all the teachers feel, and showed a video of decorated doors and teachers "thank yous."

BUDGET/TREASURER

Henry showed the final budget 54,000 net, this year. An itemized list is posted on the website each month as well. Henry highlighted a few expenditure, e.g., the Spelling Bee, Math Kangaroo, Poetry event. Also many expenditures will come in in the next few months and budget can be spent through the end of June for this year.

Henry also reviewed the ideas that come from the budget request solicitation and how many neat ideas were received. About 5-6 proposal were received in response to the call for ideas. For example, one idea that is being ironed out is a coding club, including Ideas are also welcome throughout the year.

The proposed budget was reviewed. The 2013-14 budget includes a minor increase in fundraising, and many of the fundraisers. Also increased several expenditures proposed, such as the Grow Pgh line being increased, pool improvement fund initiated at \$1000, increased general clubs and enrichment lines and middle level funds in the proposed budget. Also, noted that there is a designated money market fund to cover playground repairs that is not touched for other expenses.

Questions about the proposed budget were reviewed and answered by Henry and Ellie. In particular, they explained the budgeting process so that the PTO could determine if we would go over total spending.

Voting on the budget proposed by Henry and seconded by Ida and was unanimously voted on by the PTO.

Submitted by Anne Kurzweg and Michele Levine