

PTO GENERAL MEETING 3-13-13 COLFAX CAFETERIA 7-8pm

1) Elections—Abbie Campsie

- a) Election of the President will be in April  
Abbie and Shannon are willing to run for co-presidents again  
President requires that you have a strong knowledge and given the number of vacancies she is willing to run again.
- b) Election for other board positions will be in May  
Announcements about other positions will be put out on the yahoo group and in the communicator
- c) ANYONE who is interested in board positions should contact people on the board or Shannon and Abbie.

2) Newsletter—Sarah Sirlin

- a) Deadline for content is **3/15**; don't forget about shout-outs (\$2/shout)
- b) Sarah also thanked others who work on communications.  
Website by Lori Cranor  
Calendar by Leann Krause  
Camille Harris- the fabulous emails, FB and other updates

3) Events –Ida Simpson

- a) Carnival is a fun, community event and we need lots and lots of volunteers for this event. Chairs are needed for the following committees:
  - 1) International Café (the big potluck)—this individual will need to get volunteers, beverages, supplies, arranged
  - 2) Clean-up —Lots of people offer to help, but will involve getting a crew of people together who have volunteered ahead of time.
  - 3) Games-- People who are interested in coming up with some new games. Some of the games are old and had been built by parents in years past and may need refreshing
- b) Community partners/Cultural Tents—individuals interested in setting up tents or know of community agencies that want to partner, let Ida know. There is chair for this subcommittee has been found, but we need

4) Fundraising—Darcy Gordon

- a) Although she is not running again, she offered to help whoever might volunteer for next year, especially
- b) Shoebox: For every Pound of shoes=50 cents. Bring us your shoes; anything except rollerblades, ski boots, etc.
- c) Plant sale will be run by Beth Tiffany and Carol Luckner; this event is in April.
- d) Party 4 Play Wrap up!!!  
170 people bought tickets  
GROSS: \$29,000  
NET: 23,000 (expected)

5) Treasurer's Report—Ellie Monaco

- a) About 50,000 has been raised, mostly from P4P and other sources
- b) Expense requests are starting to increase for enrichment, field trips, playground equipment, etc.
- c) To request reimbursement or a check, go to the PTO website for forms
- d) Ellie will not be returning. Henry Willis will assume the role of treasurer and will need an assistant treasurer. Treasurer role is a 2-year role, because there is a significant amount to do with depositing, writing check and balancing books

6) Volunteer Coordinator-Jenny Ganger

- a) Reminder to get clearances especially since they are needed to accompany people on field trips
- b) Also if there are folks that want to volunteer and
- c) There is a need for additional recess volunteers. If you are interested talk to Jenny Or Susana S.
- d) Jenny also will not be the volunteer coordinator on next year's board, but happy to help new comers.

7) Garden Committee- Rachel Rosenfeld and Anne Marie Kuchera

- a) Wake up the Garden Event. This will be the Family Fun Event **for April 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2-4**. There will be stations in the garden including the Frick Environmental Center, Make your Salsa, Tours of the Garden, Music and Activity
- b) !!NEW!! Garden Club—Donna McCartney is the teacher liaison. The goal is to help expand the curriculum beyond the 3-8 grades. This club will be meet at lunchtime club. They are looking for volunteers, parents and others that are interested in this club; A flyer will come home and Farmer Jim suggested that everyone sign up for both the club or the
- c) Next Garden Committee Meeting is Monday, 3/18 in the Library

8) Student Council—Kipp Dawson

- a) Student council is students in grades 6-8.
- b) There are 3 projects currently
- 1) Heifer fund- any money that will be raised is going to be doubled from an anonymous donors
- 2) In collaboration with Students from Alderdice-they are working to develop a program to combat bullying
- 3) A Dance after the PSSAs. This dance will be in the evening and “dressier” per student wishes. More information will be coming
- c) There is interest in taking student council on a field trip to the food bank given all their fundraising for them

8) Pool update

- a) A question was raised about fundraising for the pool. TO date, we have used money raised to install curtains for privacy and there is a plan to have shelves for towels, which will also use the P4P money raised.

b) Colfax is still leaning on district facilities to help with many of the pool repair issues.

c) Relatedly, we may need to think about people to “keep an eye on” several of the capital improvements that we’ve done. Perhaps this could tie into the garden/grounds issues

d) There also is a leftover piece of playground equipment that was 5000 and it is being stored in the basement after a child fell. Ideas for how to recoup the cost and/or get rid of the piece were solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Levine  
Co-Secretary