

PTO General Meeting 7:00 pm

Attended by over 20 parents, teachers and Adam

President's Report

- 1) Kiln in the art room is up and working. Although PTO approved \$ for the kiln, the presidents got it for free from another school!!!!
- 2) Fiesta:
 - a. Thanks to Melanie Weisbord for excellent organizational effort!!
 - b. Nice evening at the school
 - c. Fiesta raised \$100+ from Churo sales
- 3) Abbie also gave many Thank You's to parent volunteers:
 - a. Michelle Zeff-Crazy Mocha multiple donations
 - b. Alona Bloom-kid stuff reports
 - c. Jen Primack-t-shirt sales
 - d. Melanie-Fund raising and fiesta and P4P
 - e. Camille Harris-entertaining emails and knowledge
 - f. Rachel Rosenfeld-Coflax Garden
 - g. Leslie Grodin-directory handling, and newsletter advertising
 - h. Sara Segel-handbook organization over the summer
- 4) Announced event at Rodef Shalom on October 18th
- 5) Abbie also gave a reminder of the shout outs to put in the Communicator

Treasurer's report (Ellie Monaco)

- 1) Report provided and budget presented to membership
- 2) solicited questions

Fundraising Report (Darcy Gordon)

- 1) We are off to excellent start in fundraising from kidstuff and others
Reminder to turn in Kidstuff books
- 2) Uno night was a successful
- 3) Colfax shirts this year will be run through a contest where students will do designs. One design from a K-5 student and one from a 6-8 student will be selected. Jen Primack is leading that effort
- 4) There will be a year-end appeal letter from the PTO in December, and are hopeful for another great response
- 5) P4P is historically our biggest fundraiser which netted ~20K last year. The date is 2/23 at the PAA in Oakland. The next planning meeting is 10/23 at 7:00
- 6) Shoebox fundraiser is still going on. The \$ is raised by weight. No flip-flops, winter boots or non-shoes. We have already Shelly Peitro is leading that effort.
- 7) Also memory tiles are an ongoing fundraiser for \$26. They are displayed in front entrance to main bldg.

Social events and other dates (presented by Abbie on Ida's behalf)

- 1) 10/30/12 will be a movie night. K-5 will watch Matilda and 6-8 will watch Mall Cop. It's an open night and there will be concessions for sale
- 2) Middle level dance on 10-26 with a Halloween/Fall theme
- 3) 10/27 Latin Dance Night at Extravaganza Uno. This event had happened at Colfax some time in the last year.
- 4) 10-29 is the Talent Show this year. This is the 3rd annual show for 3-5th graders. Sara Stock-Mayo will do it again this year.

Volunteer Coordinator (Jenny Ganger)

- 1) Made a plea for more volunteers. She's helping coordinate volunteers both for the PTO and the committee in the school.
- 2) Also the volunteer committee has been a huge help this year so far, which was acknowledged as helpful by people in the building.
- 3) Still looking for classroom tutoring and recess
- 4) Circulated for a HR rep, and there are 7 classrooms where there has not yet been a rep identified.
- 5) We reviewed the need to renew clearances if they were not completed in the last 3 years. This is a district requirement.
 - a. The need for renewed clearances is increased safety.
 - b. Adam Ok'd people to be grandfathered to 10-31-12 if they had them in the past and have not yet renewed.
 - c. Also you are OK to volunteer here at Colfax if you have turned in the criminal and child abuse forms even if they have not yet been 'officially' cleared by the district.
 - d. Remember that this year all volunteers need to also fill out the district INTAKE form, which is quick to complete as you hand them in here at Colfax.

First Colfax Fun Run (Michele Levine)

- 1) Colfax partnered with Run Shadyside this year on October 6th
- 2) 148 colfax individuals registered. 68 of these were children.
- 3) The run raised over \$1305 for Colfax and over \$800 for the Boys and Girls club of Shadyside.
- 4) The first annual Fun Run raised over \$1305 for PTO and over \$800 for Boys and Girls Club of Shadyside

Trainings (Mark Beck)

- 1) Amanda and Mark, two Colfax parents who also are educators will do training workshops. These two will run concurrently on the dates below so you can go to one or both.
 - a) Dynamics of one on one and group tutoring with Amanda Godley-Fisher
 - b) Primary grade reading/word building with Mark Beck.
 - a) Wednesday 10-24th at 7pm at Colfax and Thursday, 10-25 at 3:15 at Colfax. Childcare will be provided by Margie Minkler to enable parents to attend the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

PTO Secretaries