

River Plaza PFA Minutes for November 24, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Marguerite Stocker at 7:05pm. A quorum was not present (6 Board members plus 3 voting members).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the October meeting. The minutes were approved.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report: Apparel Sale brought in about \$300 in profit. A discount was given to teachers as a one-time offer. The book fair brought in money in Scholastic Dollars. We are still waiting on Box Tops and the Great Race check which normally comes in March. We should get over \$3000 from the Great Race. A few more people registered last week. When people are shopping on Amazon, people should be encouraged to use Amazon Smiles as a portion of the money goes to River Plaza. The major expense last month was Halloween Hullabaloo which was a success. The expense report will be modified to move Faculty Brunch underneath Administrative costs so enough money is allotted for Teacher Appreciation.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed. Thank you's received from Mrs. Wessels, Ms. Browne and Ms. Shaw for letting faculty purchase apparel items at cost.

Committee Reports

BOE Rep Position: BOE rep position is an issue. The meetings always seem to be same night as our meetings. There is a concern about a delay in relaying the information. We can change our meetings so there will not be a conflict every month.

Cultural Enrichment: 2nd grade teachers asked to have Franklin Institute to come in rather than the bee assembly, but we have already paid for the original plan. If they want to change this for next year, they have to plan for it before the end of the current school year. They were hoping to use the class grant to bring this in this year, which should work out. The cost is \$200 more than the grant, but there is some surplus they can use as a double grant.

Veterans Day: The assembly was videotaped. We have some pics and info for PR, but we have no PR Committee this year. Marguerite has offered to take care of this. We purchased some items to send overseas. Assembly was a success.

Stop N Shop: Eblasts and fliers sent home, but people were having trouble signing up. We will put Trisha Simon's name in another eblast to let people know they can reach out to her if they are having trouble signing up.

Plant Sale: Forms due tomorrow.

Holiday Shop: We have a volunteer to assist the committee chairs.

PIC Meeting: No meeting this month.

Principal's Report

No Report this month as Ms. Shaw not present.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Fundraising Ideas: District feels we should not put any money into infrastructure of the school due to the age of the building. They suggest we fundraise for things that can be moved or relocated or things to do. Suggestions included modern desks and chairs, before or after school programs or a teachers' wish list. We can vote on this in January. We have a small committee for the fundraiser. One idea for a fundraiser is a food/wine tasting. Opinion voiced that money largely came in off of the baskets and sending out a date asap so people hold a date. 50/50 also brings in money, as well as the program book IF you sell ads.

BOE Update: Group is upset about the loss of 5 minutes of recess and confusion around the new times around change in start and end time in school. Other schools did not communicate this as well as River Plaza. There will be a meeting December 7th to discuss this. Once the time is confirmed it will go out in an Eblast.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Marguerite at 7:48pm and was approved.