

River Plaza PFA Minutes for January 26th, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Marguerite Stocker at 7:06pm. A quorum was not present (6 Board members plus 9 voting members).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the November meeting. The minutes were approved. A question was asked as to who videotaped the Veterans Day Assembly as we currently have no way of filming the Variety Show. Carol will be asked to see if she knows.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report: Apparel sale was successful. We already hit the budgeted profit from it, and we still have at least 1 more planned. The book fair is still outstanding. We already have over \$700 from Box Tops. Gail will send the box tops form to Megan so it can be posted on the site for easy printing. Holiday shop exceeded the budget and brought in over \$500. Some events (assemblies, etc) were covered. Some receipts have come in from room reps so the process has begun to cover these expenses.

A question was raised about the Disabilities Program. This is for a scholarship run by the District. A question was also raised what the \$100 for landscaping will be used for. The Landscaping Committee will decide how to use it. A question was also raised about the folders provided to students. The paper folders and planners purchased for this year are not holding up well. The planners do not provide a lot of space. We believe the plan is to return to the older folders as of next year. As for the planners, we would need to see what the planner looked like 2-3 years ago.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed. A thank you was received from Mrs. Morin for the gift card to purchase supplies from the classroom.

Committee Reports

3rd Grade Disabilities: The program is ready to go. Program will run 3 times and begin in March. Puppet show in April and Pennies for Puppies in May. Mrs. Levy, Miss T and the 3rd grade teachers will be notified of the exact dates.

Box Tops: Form will go online with next collection for March.

Variety Show: We currently have 22 acts. Deadline has been extended a few days and then the committee will review the acts. Email confirmations will go out on Friday. The show is March 4th at Thompson with a rehearsal March 2nd. More help is still needed. Security at Thompson has been increased. All doors have to be locked in off school hours so parents needed at entrances during rehearsals. On the day of the show we are asking for 2 entrances and John Maguire agreed to come as a security guard. There is a possible conflict on March 2nd with Project Plus for 5th graders, but they should be able to arrange the rehearsal so 5th grade acts rehearse first if need be. Megan would like to know how much we made off of DVDs last year so we can reach out to see what Lance would charge. Mr. Imbimbo used an ipad to video the Veterans Day Assembly. We could also reach out to local high schools to see if any students with AV classes might film the show at a cheaper rate or for free.

Ice Skating: Sunday, March 6th. Flier will go out soon. Carol suggested we can out on a helmet reminder to be in a raffle to win a small gift card that can be used from the Safety Budget.

Family Bingo: Fliers went home already.

Read to Succeed: Due this week to earn a free pass to 6 Flags.

Stop N Shop: 63 people are enrolled.

Amazon Smile: We usually get \$10 each month, but we are still waiting from the holidays which will hopefully be more. The money normally received from Target program is used on K orientation, but is ending.

Dr. Seuss Day: Will be on March 2nd and the Read Across America will begin the week of Feb. 28th.

Blueclaws Game: Will be June 3rd. This is the same day as Field Day. Kids will be able to get on the field before the game and fireworks will be after. Sally will check with Sami to see if any other dates are available since it overlaps with Field Day.

Mini Grants: Caravan and Scotto are doing Math contests. Agressi and Hopkins are doing an Arbor Day Project. Kevins using it for Monmouth Museum trunk and 2nd grade for Franklin Institute.

5ht Grade Celebration: June 10th. To cut back expenses and to adhere to code for number of seated people, we are going to have a drop-off for first 90 minutes. Kids will eat and dance and then parents return for coffee, tea and dessert, video and awards. Parents will accompany kids in and get a photo at the start of the evening so this piece will be preserved. Teachers are invited for the entire event. The committee is considering halving the family donation from \$50 to \$25. 4th grade parents will still be needed at various photo opps and to help serve, clean-up, etc.

Field Day: A new t-shirt sponsor has already been found (Dogs on the Farm). The color war theme will be used again. A cheaper rock wall has been secured through the Parks System.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Shaw not present. Marguerite reported for Mrs. Shaw.

PARCC Results are in. There will be a data presentation on Thursday, Feb. 11th at 6:30pm in the APR.

Winter Recess/TDPE: We will try to send the students outside as much as possible when the weather is above freezing. Please send students with appropriate clothing.

Maker Space Equipment is in and we are starting to assemble and configure some of the library space.

We will be having a Fitness Club. It will be held 1 day per week after school from 3:15-4:15. Ms. McAleer will be facilitating. K-2 will be combined and 3-5 will be combined. This will probably begin in February.

Report cards will be available Friday, Feb. 5th. This is a date change due to the snow storm.

Old Business

Question was raised about a scanner for the library. It was supposed to be ordered from a small portion of last year's funds. PFA will check to see if it was ordered from last year's PFA and if not, it will be ordered.

We do not have a February PFA Meeting. March will be a voting meeting to discuss what we will spend fundraising money on. The exact event is still being decided. Date will be April 16th or 30th.

We will fundraise for Teachers' wish list or before/after programs. The wish list is plenty long enough if we go that way. Wish list includes: Money for buses for trips (this is very expensive), Bluetooth speakers and ukuleles, poster maker, 5 chrome books for each 2nd grade classroom (so 2nd grade can be better prepared for the chrome book testing in 3rd), a new adult/child BP cuff (this has been requested through the district – not sure if it has been approved) and automatic BP machine. Gail will assemble this into a formal list so we can survey the members on these items.

Status on the donated soccer equipment. Facilities is waiting until warmer weather to assemble them.

Teacher gift cards: The site the cards were for is expensive and lacked variety. Next year the PFA will return to having teachers submit receipts so they can be used anywhere. But in order to cover all teachers, specials teachers and special education teachers, the amount will be reduced to \$75. Additionally, the 4 special education teachers will get a \$100 card for this year. To cover this, \$400 will be removed from mini grants for the remainder of the year.

New Business

Chess Club: Open to 3-5th grade. Fridays in February. Bring your own board. 3-4:15. It is free. Any parent volunteers are also welcome. Limited to 20 kids.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Marguerite at 8:25pm and was approved.