



Monthly PFC Meeting Minutes November 2, 2016

A. Meeting Called to Order: 8:25AM

1. Approval of Minutes: Ben Abadian, 2nd Ghazal Hafizi

2. Treasurer's Report – Jason Weilert

Reserves: \$203,258.19

Money Market: \$258,261.88

Checking: \$84,074.69

3. Hospitality – Lisa Dumke, Jennifer York

Thank you!

B. Old Business

1. Fall Festival – Meredith Sesser

It was amazing this year. In N Out made over \$2,000 for Chaparral...we sold out. Online ticket sales up 50 people this year. We had pumpkins donated by Lisa Weber, we had pizza donated by Mark Miller. We had tents donated by people Rob Frank reached out to. The Auction Baskets were really popular and they made close to \$7,000. I want to thank everyone. Especially my co-chair Dee Dee Frank. This is a 4-month process, including all day on Saturday and all day on Sunday.

Jessica: thank you Meredith...it was amazing. This was the 1st year we've had these food booths sponsored. So, every ticket dollar came back to Chaparral. We are still waiting for numbers (Jason: we are waiting on some invoices). Thank you to you and Dee Dee and everyone on your team.

Suggestion from parent: a friend from another school, for their FF they assign each class a booth to create and run.

Meredith: we used to do that years ago but it didn't make any money. This year I was able to get Camp Keystone to donate booths and slot car racing and send their counselors to run it for free. We made \$500 on the slot car racing. People baked and donated sweets and we made \$500 on the cake walk. I go to the other schools FF to see what they are doing.

Ann: people really liked the layout and they raved about the food.

2. Unicef – Lisa Steinmetz

I saw a lot of kids out on Halloween with their boxes. It was on Peachjar, on FB. I am trying to get \$10 per person donated. It's amazing what UNICEF does (vaccines, clean water). Last year UNICEF raised \$1,800. This year I am hoping to raise \$2,000. If you lost your box, just turn the money in in a bag.

3. Operation Gratitude – Maria Nicolacakis

A Girl Scout troop reached out to us to ship the candy in for us.

Brazell: a lot of kids asked if they can donate tomorrow.

Maria: yes, we can accept candy tomorrow. Also, for next year should we have 2 days of collections?

Jessica: internally let's plan for that but not publicize it

C. New Business

1. Book Fair – Lisa Opolion

Little less than 2 weeks away. Theme: "Bookaneers". Nov 14-18th. We are setting up the Thursday before. Donuts for Dads is Tuesday morning and that is our single most money-making book fair event. We are so fortunate to have Laura from Boys and Girls Club offering free childcare for afterschool volunteers (even if your child is not enrolled in B&G Club). I am passing around a sign-up for the volunteer slots still available.

This year, the book fair will be organized by age, reading level, and series.

2. Holiday Boutique - Ghazal Hafizi, Mino Rostami

Ghazal: We have a lot of new vendors. It's going to be fabulous. Mino has really gone out of her way to contact vendors that everyone will be interested in buying from. We will be sending out a sign-up genius. It's on Friday Dec 2nd. 7:30am-4pm.

Each vendor is providing a raffle prize (raffle each hour). There will be teacher wish lists.

Jessica: Cub Wear will be here and Deb is working on some new stuff.

Lisa D: are we having a gift-wrapping table again this year?

Answer: yes, David Arcudi is sponsoring gift wrap again.

Lisa D: we need more Hanukkah wrapping paper this year.

3. Humanitarian – Ben Abadian

Annual Toy Drive coming. Motor 4 Toys. Donate new, unwrapped toys with at least a \$10 value.

November 30th morning assembly, Dustin Troyan will be here to talk about the program

Dec 14th is the car show and we deliver the toys

He'll drop off the boxes on November 30th; so, we'll be collecting from the 30th until Dec 14th.

Brazell: last year the kids sang their holiday songs at the Dec 14th car show. We'll do the same this year.

Lampert: we'll need to coordinate where the cars go this year b/c last year they were blocking the kids' lines.

Jessica: To clarify, the flow of the morning is - before school: car show. Then the assembly and the kids sing by grade level and also the choir will sing.

Brazell: we've heard pros and cons about the car show. A con we've heard is that the kids are giving these toys but then we see these fancy cars.

Ben: But, that is the mission of this organization...it is their way to say thank you for donating.

Lampert: until 8:30am probably

Also, the K/1 winter show will be the 13th. Journeys does a Thanksgiving show.

4. 10th Annual Online Auction – Carrie Slatoff, The Kim Burns

Carrie: the online auction is the 2nd biggest fundraiser for the PFC. Last year we raised \$94,000. This year our goal is \$100,000 (Jessica: \$10,000 a year for 10 years!). Our biggest need right now is solicitation of items. Explained how we solicit items and asked for volunteers to do walking lists.

Sybil and Jessica also added more explanation about the auction and soliciting items.

Suzy: is there something that goes out to the new families explaining the auction?

Jessica: yes, we'll send it out as the auction gets closer

5. Golden Spoon

Jessica: Not on our agenda; but, Golden Spoon is starting today. They are donating 50% to Chaparral. This kicks off the first Wednesday of each month Chaparral Golden Spoon fundraiser.

D. Principal's Report

Next week (Wednesday) we are adding a small Veteran's Day assembly. The teachers wanted to add this. A student from the high school is coming to play the National Anthem on his guitar. If any of you have family members who are Veterans, please let me know so we can have that person talk. We want to raise awareness for our kids. We want to model character traits the right way.

The staff has voted to use ½ of every staff meeting for reading and writing workshop. Yesterday, we worked on good fit books. Interest is important for motivation and the love of reading. Next week I'll send out something about what a good fit book is so when kids go to the book fair they can find good fit books. Teachers really need to build their class libraries, they need to have over 1,000 books in their classroom libraries...and that's still not enough,

Lisa D: the new Wimpy Kid came out yesterday, don't buy it yet. Buy it in 2 weeks.

Discussion of what Reading Counts quizzes our kids have access to.

Tara: use the scholastic quiz list to determine if there is a quiz for a particular book. Sometimes the website is a little glitchy, so keep trying different ways.

Brazell: It's been a great school year so far.

Lampert: the teachers are grateful for your support. They really appreciated the 2nd grade pumpkin donations.

Brazell: we already had our 1st parent tour. They saw the kindergarteners singing. And they saw the 2nd graders in Broussard's class carving pumpkins, counting seeds, etc.

E. Raffle Drawing: #19 Jason Weilert

F. Meeting Adjourned: 9:20am

Minutes prepared by Carrie Slatoff, Recording Secretary