

MONTH MEETING MINUTES



Parent Teacher Organization Meeting

Date February 4, 2021 | time 6:03 pm | Meeting called to order by Theresa Loescher

In Virtual (Zoom) Attendance: Sabrina Monahan, Karolynn Estrada, Theresa Loescher, Rebecca Quammie, Amber Stawinski, Catie Morici, Jill Halsey, Casey Sullivan, Anne Provinvino, Nick, M. Mirafuentes

Details:

Theresa opened the meeting with thanks to Anne and Amber, the Science Fair chairs. Thanks also to Amber for continued dine outs.

Minutes: Theresa - Minutes from last meeting. Amber motioned to approve, Rebecca seconded, all voted yes.

Treasurer's Report: Gwen - Treasurer's report. \$11K start month Jan + pto membership, staff donation.

Payment made for yearbooks.

\$9928.00 end balance +5th grade committee money which is separate

\$2100 difference is the Josten's check for the yearbook payment, yet to be cashed.

Treasurer's report: Anne motioned to approve, Casey seconded, vote all yes.

Principal's Report: Jill - principal and teacher reports. Staff are grateful and impressed with the PTO this year and the virtual events: Science Fair was so fun. Kids loved it. Dine outs are going well, thanks to all for participating.

Foundation Report: Casey S - Foundation report. We are \$30K short of what we would want in a normal year. We missed the 2 biggest fundraisers last spring. Typical is \$85K Foundation budget a year. \$55K is for the "specials" alone. Foundation is discussing whether to do more or fewer fundraisers in the coming months. Planning a "jog a thon" and silent auction for this school year. And "Porchtraits" are ongoing through the end of the school year with ASix Photography, a CV family business. Sneaker collection is ongoing. Farm Fresh and Coyote Gear are ongoing fundraisers as well. Also the Foundation wants to increase our families' use of Amazon Smile. Having a Move-a-Thon this year in place of the Jog-A-Thon, which will be a week long event. More to come after the meeting on Feb 8. Silent Auction will be all virtual this year.

Jill - Welcome to new meeting attendee, Nick. He introduced himself and said he is here because he wants to be more involved in his daughter's school.

EPI - Brownyn will continue to chair the "event". We do not need a new chair.

Nominating committee - we need volunteers. None yet. Amber and Anne volunteered. Theresa described the requirements. Nick agreed to join the nominating committee. Anne suggested including the diversity reps in discussions. Many positions are already accounted for for next school year. Liz J. has agreed to do our Audit for Jan 2021. We need an Auditor for the end of the school year and for next year.

Amber - Family Dine Outs - Luna Grill is next week. Flippin Pizza is coming up after that. Grub Burger in early March. Koi Zen suggested we pair a dine out with the virtual wine tasting event (which we discussed and decided against).

Theresa - March 20 Koi Zen wine tasting event includes wine and some snacks, also a kickback to the school for bottle sales after the event. Can we distribute for the event in the school parking lot? Jill will look into it.

Anne and Amber - Science Fair. Anne was impressed with our community, the turnout with the virtual event. So cute to see the kids present and ask questions. Great feedback from the judges. Certificates and art bot kits are going home this week. Open to suggestions for next year.

Chuong - Book Fair - 10 orders so far, it is going out on Social Media and Peach Jar again. Rebecca was asked to send info to room parents. Jill suggested a kid record a call to families as a reminder. Book Fair ends on the 12th. Two members asked the post to be updated with a link that makes it easier, fewer steps. To put a live link to go into Catching up with Coyotes too.

Theresa - Scavenger Hunt. Event is this Sat. Prizes are getting prepped. Who can run the kick off zoom? Chuong offered to do so.

Sabrina - Yearbook. The cover contest is underway, entries are due on Monday. We need photos from more families, of more kids. Jill suggested a series of emails calling for photos. She suggests one topic emails so the request does not get lost in a long email. Anne suggested advertising the call for photos with each event. The Google Drive submission plan was not going well. We are now pushing the email address for the photo submissions. Sabrina can make a log in for parents or staff with more photos (more than 10), for easier upload. Theresa suggested reaching out to teachers for submissions.

Theresa - The March 13 Committee met. One year since shut down, plan to commemorate the year. Plan is to create a banner and to post it on the fence with Sharpies. Catie suggested not sharing the pens. Casey suggested multiple banners.

Theresa - ATWN and Talent Show were merged for this year. Date is April 22. We need a committee, Chuong to help with the tech. Amber asked if it is live or recorded. The idea is to do recordings and share on a platform. Anne suggested Christina Riza might want to stay involved in the event. Duties are to coordinate the event and get the word out. Jill talked about the kids' familiarity with FlipGrid.

Chuong will chair the event. Sabrina suggested that Chuong reach out to Nicole Shaver, the past Talent Show chair, for input. Karolynn expressed concern about Spring Break being the week before the event. We agreed to keep the April 22 date, but might make the entries due before the break.

Theresa - Garden (per Rachel) she has plans for some new activities for the kids. Garden continues to be active.

Anne - 5th grade committee. Had a first meeting. To hold another meeting shortly. Hoping to get more parents on the next zoom. To work on Love Notes for yearbook soon. Anne working on balancing the ledger from 2018. Planning a Google survey to parents. Plans to make the tile art virtually and still have tiles made.

6:52 Meeting adjourned by Theresa