

Kyrene de la Sierra
P.T.O. General Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2013

Meeting called to order: 9:04am

Meeting Adjourned: 9:40am

Attendees: Rhonda Jones, Monica Gellman, Gail Kronick, Margo Lipari, Melissa Lien, John Werner, Helen Baker, Mr. Maloney, Gina Jones, Beth Hare, Harmony Hess, Niccoli Anderson, Shannon Reagan, Kimberly Tussing, Chris Zaenglein, Sarah Padilla, Denise Allen, Dee Hruschka, Marianne Luken, Denise Truman-Herman and Mrs. Connor.

Minutes approved by: Rhonda Jones moved to approve March minutes. Minutes approved by all attendees.

Treasury Report: There was no treasury report. Rhonda reported ending cash balance of \$43,148.00 pending an official treasury report.

Principal's Report: Report given by Mr. Maloney

- Movie Night had a few technical glitches.
- The History Wall is up by the library and looks amazing.
- **Ice Cream Social** – this is open to all Sierra families. Administration is looking for stores that will donate items, as well as requesting a small contribution from the PTO.
- AIMS testing went as expected. There were a few absences during the middle of testing which resulted in those students' tests not being counted.
- Sierra will need crossing guards and lunchroom attendants for 2013-14 school year.
- Mr. Maloney introduced Lisa Connor, who announced she would be at the Ice Cream Social and the next PTO general meeting.

Proposals:

- **Sherry Baker** - \$650.00 for a two-day Common Core training. The PTO had previously approved a budget of \$3,000.00 for teachers' continuing education. After this proposal was approved, there was still \$922.00 left in this line item.

Election:

- Kristin Ito was nominated to the slate as Volunteer Coordinator. The slate for 2013-14 PTO Board Officers was approved by all attendees, as well as paper ballots previously submitted.
- **2013-14 PTO Board Officers:**
 - **Co- Vice Presidents: Melissa Lien and Monica Gellman**
 - **Treasurer: Shannon Reagan**
 - **Financial Admin: Dee Hruschka**
 - **Co-Secretaries: Margo Lipari and Chris Zaenglein**
 - **Volunteer Coordinator: Kristin Ito**
 - At this time, the positions of President and Communications Coordinator are still open.

Committee/Activity Updates:

- **Book Fair – report given by Harmony Hess, chair.**
 - The Spring Book Fair is BOGO, and will be held May 14-17 in Room 28. The theme is “Once Upon a Book Fair”.
 - There will be free coloring pages, and drawing for a gift certificate.
 - The teachers will create wish lists from which parents can buy and donate books to the classroom. In addition, Mrs. Wheeler has agreed to share her leftover credit from the fall book fair (about \$1,400.00) with the teachers.
- **Movie Night – report given by Rhonda Jones**
 - Rhonda reported that there were several technical difficulties, both with the projection equipment and with the actual DVD. PTO may refuse to pay the full invoices due to these problems.
 - Phil Magewick has agreed to chair this event again in 2013-14.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week – report given by Monica Gellman**
 - Monica reported that Tammy Fielding (chair) is in need of volunteers to help with decorating the faculty lounge, proctoring the gift card drawings and providing donations for one meal that week. PTO is also in need of donations of gift cards to be given to staff. We would like to have 60 cards, and Melissa Lien reported that to date, Tammy has only received about 10. Attendees were urged to personally contact other Sierra parents to request gift card donations.
- **Retail Rebates – report given by Gina Jones, chair**
 - Gina reported that the last collection will be the first week of May, with the drawing for a party for the class donating the most box tops, labels, etc. to follow soon after. Mr. Middleton’s class won a party at Pump It Up for donating the most Box Tops for Education.
- **History Wall – report given by Rhonda Jones**
 - Rhonda reported that thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Arryn Bronson and Theresa Lederer, 23 frames are now complete and hanging on the wall. There is space for 8-10 more years, and there are three more frames in storage. Beth Hare asked whether we should stock up on more frames now, by Rhonda assured the attendees that Arryn Bronson had looked in to that, and that she believes these frames are likely to be continually stocked at stores such as Michael’s.
 - The original plan was to mount the frames high on the wall, but due to concerns about visibility, they were mounted lower. This raised a safety concern, necessitating installation of ¼ inch Plexiglas on the frames.
 - Costs to date include \$1,650.00 for 26 frames, \$737.00 for material and supplies, \$1100 for Plexiglas materials and \$500.00 for installation, brining the project total to \$4,187.00.
 - The PTO had previously approved a budget of \$8,000.00 for Gifts to School. To date, we have spent \$7,167.00 on the History Wall and the xylophones purchased for the music department, keeping us within budget.
 - Future ideas for related gifts to school may include having a sun painted near the student recognition mural, and painting squares on the History Wall to serve as place markers for future frames.

“Respectfully Submitted”

Monica Gellman, April 27, 2013

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