

Minutes: Sequoya APT- February 1, 2010

Meeting called to order by Karla Crall at 8:35am

Executive Members Present: Karla Crall, Lynne Herndon, Christi Warner Beyer, Carla Monson, Rose Fritzke, Debbie Wolvos, George Redheffer, Janna Everroad, Carrie Regan, Lee Ratterman
Others: Mrs. Bhavnani, Mrs. Weinman, Mrs. Maryhew, Tasha Leete, Lisa Hoberg, Lara Vineyard, Tracy Spooner, Tanya Eldridge, Jay Eldridge, Claire Stivrins, Stephanie Kirke

I. Minutes

- A. Janna Everroad made a motion to approve the minutes. Rose Fritzke seconded.
Motion passed.

II. Treasurer's Report

- A. Lynne Herndon presented the P/L statement thru the end of January. There isn't a number for the checking acct. yet. The Sock Hop did great with receipts of about \$1563. Expenses aren't there yet but expect good numbers as it was very well attended. The last couple of months have been a little slow but that's not unusual. Classroom contributions are at \$3200 as most teachers wait til closer to end of year to submit. This year, we had budgeted taking \$13,000 from savings to cover costs, but right now we're at \$3700 and with a good auction number may come in under budget.

III. Principal's Report

- A. Mrs. Bhavnani said kids are doing well and tutors working out very well.
B. Focus group took place last week with 54 spirited and committed participants. Neela is putting the information together and will send to the district. Carrie Regan asked what district will do with focus group information, particularly those items which are under state control. It was suggested that the state share the information with the press to show community at large what it's able to do and how hands are tied on some issues. Stephanie Kirke suggested putting school focus group results out to the Sequoya community.
C. The Artist in Resident installation is ongoing but end is in sight.
D. Last week was a 4th/5th grade assembly with writer Roland Smith. Kids were excited and learned about life as a writer.
E. Tracey Spooner suggested administration let parents know what staff is doing on early release days. Mrs. Bhavnani & Mrs. Weinman said last week's focus was on vertical articulation and a gifted coordinator is coming during next week's early release. Mrs. Bhavnani said they would look into getting info out in future.
F. Carrie Regan expressed concern over parents not following morning drop-off procedures, and suggesting staff be in place until all bells ring to ensure cars are pulling all the way forward. Currently, too many parents pulling only along north curb, only allowing four cars to drop off. Mrs. Bhavnani said they'd talk about ways to remind families, including Talking Twigs, email blasts.
G. Karla Crall asked Mrs. Bhavnani to explain SIP to 1st grade parents in attendance for first time.

IV. Business

- A. Karla Crall passed around a sign-up sheet for cafeteria duty volunteers.
- B. Lynne Herndon is unable to make this month's SPC meeting when Congressman Mitchell will be present (Feb. 17 at the District office). Rose Fritzke said she can attend to represent Sequoya.
- C. Carla Monson is looking for volunteers to grout on Feb. 13, anytime between 10:30 and 3pm. She said we're heading into Art Masterpiece and had a meeting with volunteers. She's moved supplies from Rm. 404 to the APT closet. Order forms for 5th grade t-shirts (provided by APT) are going out later this month.
- D. Claire Stivrins updated us on Friday's Sock Hop saying it was very well attended. There was discussion about food supplies; pre-ordering is lower than she'd like and it's difficult to estimate enough for at-event ordering. Suggestions were made to change this for next year. Claire is looking for a replacement to chair next year's event. Everyone who attended had rave reviews for Friday's dance. Big thanks to Russ who ran the cotton candy machine, and Claire's mother-in-law who made root beer floats.
- E. Karla Crall pointed out two donated Lands End bags, which need to be filled with spirit wear and other items for the auction. Emails will go to APT executive looking for items.
- F. Christi Warner Beyer updated us on the Spring Fling, scheduled for Feb. 20. She encouraged all to talk up the event and fill tables. Tasha Leete is in charge of donations and while there are awesome items already in place, she's still looking for more.
- G. Karla Crall showed off the tie-dyed long sleeve Sequoya t-shirts. They were originally white and didn't sell well. It was suggested samples be displayed in the office with a sign-up sheet for buyers.
- H. Rose Fritzke updated on Site Council. Tax credit monies are in totaling about \$22,000, which is the same as last year, and great considering the economy. Some of the monies are specified, which can be challenging to spend. Elementary schools such as ours don't need to designate so there was discussion about educating our parent community for next school year. The option to designate is on the district website donation form, as grades 6+ are set up for designations. Rose updated on Young Author's Day saying Mary Ellen Brown has lined up all of last year's donors again. There is a YAD committee meeting on March 17. Mary Ellen collected 100 prs. of socks and 40 packages of cookies for Phoenix Children's Hospital at the Sock Hop. There will be a box in the office until Wednesday for stragglers. PCH has a big need right now for cookies.
- I. Janna Everroad reported that the Jason's Deli fundraiser was really successful taking in over \$800. The owner was so pleased with the turnout that he doubled our percentage from 15% to 30%. Looking to spring, she's going to switch the fundraiser from Islands to NYPD, scheduling it for mid-April. The spring clothing drive for Hohokam is upcoming. It was suggested there be people to collect at drop off during the drive. Currently, there's a need for 3 sets of bunk beds.
- J. Stephanie Kirke updated all on Hospitality, saying she's also looking for a replacement for next year.

- K. Debby Wolvos and George Redheffer updated that a press release has been sent out for Angel Tree and also a blast on Sock Hop. They said their always looking for Sequoya TV help.
- L. Diane Spence is heading up yearbook and would like any pictures emailed to her. Yearbook order deadline is this Friday, February 5. Lee Ratterman is looking for technology help with the sound system. Claire Stivrins asked what is the status of the sound system? Mrs. Bhavnani answered that the school has one and APT also has one.
- M. Re the Used Book Fair, collection is underway thru Feb. 10th and the sale is on Feb. 11 and 12.
- N. Lynne Herndon suggested a news blast re drop-off, yearbook, used book fair. Rose Fritzke suggested a weekly e-news, similar to that at Cocopah called "This Week at Cocopah", which comes out every Friday. There was interest in this and discussion will continue at another meeting.

V. Upcoming Events

- A. Early Release/Parent-Teacher Conferences Feb. 3-5
- B. Used Book Fair Feb. 11 & 12
- C. Spring Pictures Feb. 10
- D. President's Day Feb. 15
- E. Silent Auction Spring Fling Feb. 20

- VI. A. Meeting adjourned at 9:45am
- B. Next meeting: Monday, March 1, 2011
-evite will go out to all 2nd grade parents