

Minutes: Sequoia APT- September 14, 2009

Meeting called to order by Karla Crall at 8:30am

Executive Members Present: Karla Crall, Lynne Herndon, Christi Warner Bayer, Carla Monson, Rose Fritzke, Debby Wolvos, Lee Ratterman, George Redheffer, Janna Everroad, Carrie Regan
Others: Melissa Weinman, Mrs. Robins, Cheri Crozier, Michaelle Kimes, Stephanie Kirke, Amy Mariucci, Beth Harpenau

- I. Minutes
 - A. Christi Warner Bayer made a motion to approve the minutes. Lee Ratterman seconded. Motion passed.

- II.
 - A. Eric Meyer spoke on the K-3 Override. They need help with voting on November at phone banks. There are no funds for supplies and books, etc. Do we want to help fund the effort? People can donate individually online. Call Eric for more signs.

- III. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Donations are as overstated on the budget until the website can be verified. The directory line will change based as that number is based on a \$5 price and they're \$10 this year. Advertising hasn't all come in yet. An generous and anonymous corporate donation of \$700 has been made. Lynne suggests putting \$500 in the budget for subs (silent auction tie-in?). Christi made a motion to approve, and Carla Monson seconded. Motion passed.

- IV. Principal's Report
 - A. Mrs. Robins is the teacher/APT liaison for September/October.
 - B. Mrs. Bhavnani reported that Health Screening went well.
 - C. Teachers are working on this year's Site Improvement Plan.
 - D. Technology Override installations will be Oct. 6-8.
 - E. There is an electronic telephone tree in place but for back-up there has been an individual classroom tree. Mrs. Weinman will look at class lists...not all classes have a phone volunteer. Mrs. Robins said her class has a volunteer but doesn't know what to do with that position.

- V. SPC

- VI. Business
 - A. Beth Harpenau reported that Missoula try-outs are next week, Sept. 21-26. She needs a place for them to stay. The program is doing Pinocchio with two performances. She said they need snack and dinner provided. Last year they charged \$30 to participate and \$60 to play and eat. She'll send an email blast today for these things. They don't need a sound system. There are spots for 60-65 kids. Last year had 50-60 tryout so everyone gets to participate. Performances will be 1pm and 6:30pm on Saturday, September 26.

- B. Rose Fritzke provided an update from Site Council. They discussed AIMS, and SIP (Site Improvement Plan). The SIP will remain focused on reading. We have not met our SIP plan for two years so this third year is very important, but reading is only one component of the equation to keep our excelling status. The new traffic flow is running more smoothly. Tax Credit monies were approved to fund Peer Mediation, and funding for Homework Haven was approved for the year. There will be a mid-year assessment by teachers with children participating in Homework Haven so determine if it's having an impact. Funds were approved for Mr. Fatica and Claire Stivrins to run an after school art program. Flyers were discussed. Teachers are frustrated with the current situation. They strongly request flyers be in their mailboxes by start of school on Monday (at the latest...Karla suggests they be in boxes on Friday) to make Monday folders. Stephanie Kirke acknowledges the teachers' frustration but feels kids often don't remember the information from morning announcements. She feels flyers are very helpful in getting the information to parents.
- B. Karla Crall asked if APT wants to sponsor vendors/flyers (Friends of Sequoya)? Examples were given from other schools/APTs for vendors not approved by SUSD's Community Schools. There was concern about selection and approval processes. We want to keep Friends of Sequoya who are given a link on our website when they make a donation of \$120 or more and advertise in our directory. After discussion, a motion was made by Lynne Herndon not to have APT sponsorships at Sequoya. Carla Monson seconded and the motion passed.
- C. Janna Everroad announced McTeachers Night at McDonalds on Tuesday, October 6. This night funds the Sequoya Scholarship. For clarification, Janna made a motion to direct funds from the scholarship to Sequoya. Michaelle Kimes seconded and the motion passed. Janna announced a Family Fun Nights planning meeting for K-3 on September 21st at 1pm. She thinks the Kindergarten night may be have a carnival theme. 1st and 2nd grade will probably combine their efforts for one evening this year. Janna appealed for helpers for Hohokam's health screening on September 24.
- D. Carla Monson announced Sequoya got the grant (\$2300) from the AZ Commission on the Arts. The balance of \$2000 is coming from Scottsdale. The artist in residence for this year is Jane Metzger, a mosaic tile artist. The project will be done in art class with a science theme tied into each grade's curriculum. The finished 4X4 tiles will be installed around the planters on campus. The core group will be 5th grades; the lower grades having a little less time on the project. The project will begin on October 5th and be completed by winter break.
- E. Christi Beyer updated us on the donation drive, saying we've received \$14000 which puts us only \$6000 below last year's total. They will continue to send flyers asking for participation. Lee Ratterman reminded to put that people can donate online on the flyers. Carrie Regan suggested mentioning that we're only \$6000 short of the goal. Christi discussed other fundraising options, saying Lori Schneider is going to head up passive fundraising with programs such as the paper bin in the parking lot and grocery store programs. Christi suggested we switch the clothing bin on campus from the Boys and Girls Club to another organization that gives us a price by weight for clothing collected. A motion was made by Amy Mariucci to switch bin organizations. Rose Fritzke seconded and

the motion passed. Re spirit wear, flyers are out showing new items. Orders are due September 16th. Christi says the staff have asked for bling t's and wants to offer them at cost, which received support. Western Roundup was discussed with a budget sheet handed around. Christi is concerned that the current budget may not reach the goal to break-even. She was advised to keep APT abreast of costs.

- F. Lee Ratterman said approximately 90 families have signed up online on their own. There are currently 350 families in the system. She thanked Bill Russell and Kim Peshek for their commitment, and also thanked the data inputers who have worked many hours. She thanked Lesli Beck and Kirstin Tully, co-chairs of Healthy Screening, for their feedback which has helped to work out some kinks. She urged APT Chairpeople to check their access and contact her should they need to sign up for an account.
- G. Stephanie Kirke said she's got 70 people on the staff list and wanted confirmation that APT wants all of them covered for the birthday gift cards, and that she was to do this and the luncheons within the budget. She was reassured this had been voted on, and to proceed. AIMS snacks will be handled by Mrs. Bhavnani this year, and staff luncheons have been reduced to five; four of which will be covered by the budget. The fifth is a potluck Holiday Luncheon supplied by parent donations. Stephanie said the next staff luncheon will be a sack lunch, similar to last year's successful sack lunch, on October 30th, as it's a half day and staff can take it "to go".
- H. Cheri Crozier shared that the directory is almost done.
- I. Karla Crall was happy to share that Sequoya TV has enough volunteers to proceed.

VII. Events

- A. Fall Pictures are scheduled for September 22
- B. Missoula Theater is scheduled for September 21-26.

VIII. A. Meeting adjourned at 10:15am

- B. Next meeting: Monday, October 5, 2009