Mountain Elementary PTA General Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2017

In attendance:

Mrs. Altherr, Luce Salas, Yoly Miller, Lissie Ham, Pamela Poole, Chris Jordan, Jennifer Guy, Heather Woodward, Ramey Sallaz, Cathy Snelson-Gerlicher and Mhairi McKay-Smith.

1. At 12:13pm Ramey Sallaz called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of minutes:

 Chris Jordan moves to approve minutes. Seconded by Yoly Miller. None opposed.

3. New Business

 A) Grant Requests

1. Mrs. Altherr and Mrs. Nichols requested a grant not to exceed $100.00. The grant will be used to help implement art into Mrs. Altherr’s Native American project. Classes will be discussing symbolism and creating dream catchers. Lissie Ham motioned to approve the grant, Mhairi McKay-Smith seconded. None opposed.
2. Hawkings requested a grant not to exceed $500.00. The money will be used to add additional bricks for the already existing program. Expansion of the program allows the kids to use updated software. Mhairi McKay-Smith motioned to approve grant. Chris Jordan seconded. None opposed.
3. Mrs. Guy is requesting a grant not to exceed $900.00. The money will be used to replace old/worn out furniture in the foyer of the front entrance of the school Mrs. Altherr motioned to approve, Mhairi McKay-Smith seconded. None opposed.
4. Mrs. Schaefer requested a grant in the amount of $57.44 plus tax. Monies will be used to purchase display boards for group science project. Mrs. Guy motioned to approve, Chris Jordan seconded. None opposed.

 B) Science Fair- report given by Michele Altherr

Mrs. Altherr requested the help of the PTA to find volunteers to interview the 6th grade students whom want to participate in the county science fair.Volunteers will need to be at the school before the science fair on January 11th, 2018.

 C) Recycling- Luce Salas

Discussion on implementing environmental stewardship. Mrs. Guy informed everyone that the Green team will start again in the Spring.

4) Reports of Officers

 A) Treasurer’s Report given by Mhairi McKay-Smith.

* Campaign for LANL giving still open to employees who want to give.
* Paid admissions for 1rst grade children’s museum.
* Account balance: $45,948.00

B) President’s Report given by Ramey Sallaz

 Need to make another appointment to discuss new water fountains.

C) Membership Report given by Heather Woodward

 2 new members. 70 in total.

D) Principal’s Report

* A plumber came by to assess where to put new water fountains. Looking at keeping existing water fountains and putting in new fountains where there won’t have to be extensive electrical work to be done. She will have more answers to questions regarding the fountains on 12/8/17.
* Requesting major work to be done to the school in the amount of three million dollars. An announcement will be made of whether or not the money has been approved on December 20th.

5) Unfinished Business

 A) FUNd Run Report given by Ramey Sallaz

* Thanked everyone for their participation.

B) Silent Auction Report given by Mhairi McKay-Smith

* The school made just under $5,000.00 off the silent auction.
* Thanked everyone who helped gather donations and put together baskets.

C) Teacher Appreciation

* It was suggested that we wait until after Christmas Break to have another Teacher appreciation event.

6) Reports of Committees

 A) Box Tops

* Discussed getting people to download the boxtop app which allows us to receive more box tops from purchases made by simply snapping a picture of the receipt.
* Cut off for box tops submissions this period is December27th.
* Submitted box tops have already raised more than $300.00
* Will be using trophies for winners of box top contest.

B) Yearbook

* The cover of the yearbook has been chosen.
* All winners artwork will be put in the yearbook.
* Volunteers needed to put all the pictures together/take more pictures.

7) Announcements

* No meeting in January.
* Next meeting is Monday, February 5th at 12:10 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm.