

PTA: Mountain Elementary School PTA, General PTA Business Meeting

Date: December 5, 2016

Time: 12:10 pm – 1:10 pm

1. Call Meeting to Order

Present at meeting: Mhairi McKay-Smith, Ramey Sallaz, Erin Middleton, Ali Renner, Jennifer Guy, Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. Lusher, and Mrs. Richardson, and Mr. Hinojosa. Second grade teachers present card to PTA to thanks for owl pellets (64) and chair covers.

Ramey calls meeting to order @ 12:17.

2. Approve November minutes

- a. Mhairi moves to approve November minutes. Ramey seconds. None opposed.

3. Reports of Officers

a. Treasurer's Report

Mhairi: Some additional silent auction items have sold. For those that are unclaimed, we might go to the second person on the list. Other ideas: Using these items as silent auction items at Reading Night or Movie Night. There was \$425 in sales from School Store. Casa Mesita is also giving \$400/month. We are fully compliant with NMPTA. Additional expenses: FUNd Run movie permits, water and postage. FUNd Run movie license allows 4 showings of a movie in the next calendar year. Some additional expenses related to Yearbook. Some additional teachers have spent their mad money. There have also been teacher appreciation funds spent – some for the district teacher appreciation event, and some for the goodies for teachers. After speaking with Mrs. Guy, April 14<sup>th</sup> will be the last date teachers can submit their mad money requests.

b. President's Report

Ramey: There was a petition to put speed bumps in front of the school. Parents presented this at the County Council meeting the last week in November. The county decided to send this matter to a neighborhood traffic committee, which has not yet formally updated the school district or Mrs. Guy as to their recommendations.

Speed bumps will still not help with children weaving between cars at drop-off and pick-up. It might be helpful to have a teacher-parent-district committee to discuss traffic flow at the school, including moving the bus lane or re-routing parent drop-off.

Mrs. Guy will help spread the word about educational grants to increase the number of grants submitted.

c. Membership Report

Since the last meeting there are two new members and 77 total members. Proposed idea: Do a membership drive in February.

d. Principal's Report

Updates: Dr. Steinhaus is looking for volunteers to help the vote for the bond referendum for LAPS and UNM-LA. If any parents are interested in helping to call, refer them to Mrs. Guy. We can encourage parents to vote through the newsletter.

Mountain's proposed building improvements: rebuilding the roof, enclosing the lower elementary wing (though this is not slated to begin until the end of the bond cycle), and getting the bathrooms ADA compliant.

Discussion of future needs: furniture in the foyer, and an additional work room for primary teachers. Mrs. Guy will put in a grant with LA Foundation, but this might be an area where PTA can help.

4. Report of Committees

a. School Supply Kits

A new vendor, First Day, contacted PTA about School Supply Kits. He sent a proposal, and it was cheaper than EPI. Their website was also more user-friendly. There are other vendors around too, and Ramey and Ali are looking at other companies who might help with school supplies. EPI has said they will match any competitor. PTA would prefer not to use this as a fundraiser, but as a courtesy for parents. Mrs. Guy: Teachers would like to make sure broken items may be replaced, and have been happy enough with EPI. Mrs. Guy: Goal will be class supply lists up by March 1. Supply companies need them by April 15.

b. Yearbook

Twenty-eight entries have been received for the yearbook cover. PTA is considering selling yearbooks @ \$20, which is more than the \$15 from last year.

c. Family Reading Night (Thursday, April 20, 2017)

Reading Committee set the date for Family Reading Night. PTA Spring Book Fair will be that week.

5. New Business

a. Family Movie Night

Mr. Hinojosa suggested a movie night on a weekend before the winter break, which would be a great idea for next year. Mhairi - motion to approve a family movie night late January/early February. Ramey – seconds.

b. Grant Requests

No new grant requests.

6. Announcements

a. No meeting in January

b. Next Meeting: Monday, February 6 @ 12:10

Adjourn @ 1:20.