



November 2019 General Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2019. Call to order 12:17 by Ruth Burns.

Present:

Amanda Padilla, Olivia Dong, Lisse Ham, Aedin Laychik, Zoe Robles, Desiree White, Chantielle Hanson, Martha Heil, Esther Smidt, Natalie Morgan, Mhari McKay-Smith, Karen Morris, Stephanie Luscher, Mr & Mrs Gibson, Mrs Favorite, Sigrid WUrthmann, Tony Hinojosa

Chantielle motions to approve minutes from October meeting. Lisse seconds. Minutes approved.

1. GRANT REQUESTS

Mrs. Moore: requests \$200 for new book set that will cover ELA & history for the entire 5th grade. 25 copies. Lisse moves to approve, Mhairi seconds. Grant approved.

3rd grade teachers: request \$210 for a membership to Spelling City for the entire 3rd grade. Used a free trial for the beginning of the year and would like to continue. Zoe moves to approve, Chantielle seconds. Grant approved.

Mr. Gibson: requests \$110 for a set of 10 books in the "Cover to Cover" book challenge offered by Mesa Public Library. Will be for all fourth graders. Mhairi asks if Mrs Pittman has those books available. Answer was the library has not been open or accessible for the teachers to use this year. Karen asked if one set was enough. Karen motioned to approve up to \$250 for books, Lisse seconds. Grant approved.

2. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs Keiltyka spoke about the upcoming Thanksgiving luncheon: K-1st 11-11:30, 6th 11:30-12, 2nd-3rd 12-12:30, 4th-5th 12:30-1. RSVPs are due Friday. To keep lines down, Mrs K suggests

eating with your earliest child's slot and pulling any other children to eat with you then. No need to check in at the office.

Construction update: fun fact, each portable weighs 60,000 pounds! Ramps, electricity, water are all being hooked up. An outside company is being brought in to clean the rooms. Move in is (very tentatively) November 22nd. 3 portables: 1. Music/Gate & OT/PT 2. Cook/Art 3. Smith/Schaefer.

Bookfair will (hopefully) be set up in the art portable the first week of December. Ruth is concerned that art will have to be moved again. Mrs. Ross has offered to use her cart for that week to facilitate the book fair.

3. TREASURER REPORT

Natalie Morgan reports approximately \$9,000 in profit from Halloween carnival. PTA budget planned for \$8,000. Hooray to Carnival Chair Ruth Burns for our success!! We are on track to meet our spending goals. Please do not forget to submit your receipts for carnival expenses.

Our 990 (non profit status) has been filed and sent to the IRS & NM PTA. Reminder than any changes to the budget must be approved by the PTA membership at a meeting.

Mrs Luscher asked if there was a line item for the Santa Fe Opera. Yes, \$1800.

4. PRESIDENT REPORT

Big announcement: "BUILDING BUCKS" stipend to support teachers. An additional \$100 per teacher, with the same rules as Mad Money. Ruth requests approval to move \$3400 to Mad Money line item. Mhairi moves to approve, Lisse seconds. Motion approved.

5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

No changes - 78 members.

6. HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL - LESSONS LEARNED

Ruth Burns: Lower playground location was a hit: outside, games, carnival feel. Sensory kids did better. Thankful for staff and volunteers! Mad Money will be granted to staff who worked a shift. 2 shifts per carnival, \$25 earned per each shift. A big thank you to Lisse for the games overhaul. Everything looked great.

Clean up went very well, thanks to Eileen and Bruce. Haunted House took the longest to clean up - will perhaps need to manage expectations better on timing. Mrs Keiltyka was at the school 10 days in a row to let folks in! Regina Mertz at LAPS was a wonderful resource for liability

issues. If the staff have any feedback, please email the Officers account. Mrs. K asked if the online auction brought in more or less? Online was \$3995. Day of auction brought \$1800. Mhairi said that online was successful compared to past years. Online was a lot more work upfront for set up. However, LAPS foundation said we were "model partners". Chantielle liked that she could participate even though she couldn't be present at carnival. Esther said many donors liked the online exposure! It was open for a week, so more time for people to browse.

7. BOX TOPS

Lisse says that the app has made things very difficult and she's not a fan. Lots of people have concerns about data collection. If anyone is interested in taking this over from Lisse, she is happy to pass it on.

8. TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Esther's feedback: while successful, perhaps being so close to carnival, there was some volunteer fatigue? Her suggestion would be to ask PTA to pay for a catered meal for one of the two days we provide food. Natalie wondered if people didn't see the information via the newsletter?

Teachers thanked PTA for the food. Delicious!

Any other info? Lisse mentioned upcoming Dyslexia Parent night held November 20th at 5:30pm at Aspen.

Don't forget you can select Mountain Elementary PTA for your Amazon Smile donation!

Next meeting December 2nd.

Meeting adjourned by Ruth, 12: 55pm.