

Friends of Coonley Board Meeting

Dec. 3, 2019, 7 p.m.

Board Members in attendance: Ellen McGarry, Kristin Morris, Brooke Odem, Brooke Roark, Christina Kreidler, Stephen Laslo, Inka Cherry, Kathy Alvarez, Erin Van Awken

Honorary Board Members in attendance: Kelly Lish, Esther Storrie, Sherry Skalko

Guests in attendance: Sandy Morris

Call to order (B. Roark): Called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (B. Roark): K. Alvarez made motion to approve Nov. minutes with exception of Treasurer report figures. October numbers were preliminary and have changed. We will put them in the Nov. minutes. B. Odem seconded. All approve.

Treasurer's Report (K. Alvarez): More spending than income this month so monthly change is - \$6,198.17. Paid rental fee for Spring Fling facility. Paid for music/drama supplies from Pride Stride income. Total committed accounts are \$364,941. Available funds are \$563, 758. K. Alvarez made motion to approve Oct. and Nov. expenses and check reimbursements. I. Cherry seconded. All approve.

LSC Report (E. Storrie): Tues. Dec. 14 will be CIWP meeting. Will discuss SQRP rating comparing Coonley to last year and comparable schools this year. Committee will present findings to LSC in the January meeting. This year is an LSC election. Will be held on April 22, report card pickup day. 6 parent spots and 2 community member spots always up for election. Forms already available on CPS website. There will be a candidate forum at Coonley in January. Also, Matilda will be the spring musical.

School admin report (S. Laslo): Kids are excited about the drama department's light system purchased with money raised during Pride Stride. 8th graders have started Washington DC fundraising. Have asked 8th grade families if they will be requesting financial aid. 14 kids already qualified for higher funding. (\$300). May get more aid for families with greater need if some families defer their share of the fundraising money. Hoping to keep that number between \$150-200 each kid who needs it. Can have an email vote when we get real numbers. We don't want to take field-trip fund down to zero.

Spring Fling (B. Odem): Brooke, Erin and some committee heads going to the venue to check out what kind of rentals we may need. Hopefully no more than already planned for. Next committee meeting will be after Screenagers on Tues. Dec. 10. Meeting will be a 7:30 start but people can arrive when they can after the film.

Pride Stride (B. Roark): About to announce the date of the X Factor show. Need a few more days to talk to teachers and make sure they can be ready to be in the show. Not everyone will be able to see the show live as now the weather will move the show to the gym, which has

limited seating. Probably only the classes that were the top of the fundraising-per-student standings. Remaining classes will see a taped version. Might not be shown on same day due to need to edit. Could we livestream it?

Coonley Core (K. Lish): Mike McCallum renewed and his ad will be back page of the Spring Fling program. January will be busy as businesses re-up before Spring Fling ads. We are finding out how much the Le Sud giveback earned. Altitude trampoline park also wants to do a giveback day. Goldfish joined the Core program. Lakeshore Sport and Fitness dropping off since we aren't doing the event there this year and those proceeds used to fund their membership cost.

Box Tops (C. Kriedler): Currently at \$1,100. Funds keep trickling in via app.

Speaker Series (E. McGarry): Changed the date due to the high schools fair. Now will be on Dec. 10. Original film will now be screened on Jan. 28. Flyers for event went up on the school doors. Kathleen Hayes doing a survey on topics/times that parents would prefer in the future.

K-2 Dance (I. Cherry): Heard it went well after the strike delay. Over 400 tickets sold. Photographer is available Feb. 7 for the 3-5 dance. B. Odem checking on DJ for both remaining dances.

Teacher appreciation (E. Van Awken): Renee Girardin working on teacher holiday breakfast. Savannah is catering it on a discount. Renee also working on Coonley teachers Favorite Things survey that room reps can circulate to parents. About to have email go out to room reps about our fund collection for holiday gifts for teachers. Will collect until Dec. 16. Hopefully we get a good showing. FOC can add a bit if needed if first year's collection not what we expect. Parents can pay via Greater Giving, venmo, or check. Load the lounge will start after the holiday break.

Movie night (B. Roark): Will be Jan. 24. Mentioned we are looking for a committee chair and Sandy Morris agreed to head it up. The annual movie pass (\$579) covers all the movies shown at school, not only during movie night. Could also do a summer movie on the field sometime. E. McGarry makes motion to buy the annual pass again. I. Cherry seconds. All approve.

Coonleywear. (I. Cherry): Fall sale took in over \$3,000, thanks to the samples we had at report card pickup. Worked much better than when it was only online. Continue to have trouble finding volunteers during report card pickup.

Coonley Cares (B. Roark): Beta Club was selling bags at report card pickup. We will get them a check for their artificial limb kits. Will contact Ms. Meegan. Admin is still working through CPS vendor process. This Saturday (12/7) from 9-1 will be date for volunteers to go to Coat Angels and fit coats to children that we raised during Pride Stride. Need 6-8 people. Toy drive for Common Pantry brought in around 200 gift cards and toys.

Insurance (B. Roark): Insurance people wanted to meet with B. Roark about "our space," although we don't really own any property and just meet at Coonley. Insurance adjuster also had some concerns about us not vetting the volunteers at our events, although they are vetted

by CPS. Maybe if we cross-check volunteer list with Coonley office that will satisfy their concerns. Brooke will forward the insurance company's recommendations to the board. We want to make sure we are covered.

Playground refurb. (E. McGarry): The paint on the sensory path has faded a lot. The artist, Shayne, stopped by to see it and she was very upset that it hasn't been holding up better for us. She is going to reach out to Sherwin Williams, who had recommended this kind of outdoor paint to her. Ellen and Shayne want to know how board would like to proceed. Potentially the ice-melting salt could be affecting it, but that's just how Chicago is. The line-stripping paint held up fine. We will see what Sherman Williams says and regroup in spring when the weather is better.

Board renewals: E. McGarry stepping down after years of service to Coonley. Voted to retain all other board members for this board year through September. Will start recruiting for a new board member soon.

Adjournment: B. Roark moved to adjourn meeting at 8:23 p.m. C. Kreidler seconded. All approve.

Minutes prepared by K. Morris. Next FOC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020.