

Friends of Coonley Board Meeting

March 5, 2019, 7 p.m.

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

Honorary Board Members in attendance: Esther Storrie, Kelly Lish

Guests in attendance: Jason Finn

Call to order (B. Roark): Called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (B. Roark): I. Cherry motions to approve Feb. minutes. K. Alvarez seconds. All approve.

Treasurer's Report (K. Alvarez): Net monthly income \$34,873.59. The total committed accounts have \$543,817.68 and total available funds are \$373,079.79. K. Alvarez motions to approve dispersals and treasurer's report. I. Cherry seconds. All approve. We have been getting deposit transactions in our bank account from Strike. Almost daily since Feb. 13, totals \$3,763.32. Not sure what they're for. Maybe someone put wrong checking account info. We have it on balance sheet as a liability right now. Brooke called over to MB Financial. They didn't know either. Can't resolve it until other people realize it's missing.

As we talked about in last meeting we want to build an action plan both for money on hand and also for our forward projection. Finance team put together a proposal for a spending philosophy and projected budgets through 2022-23. Working with admin to determine Coonley's projected funding needs as other funding sources dry up. We should get together to make sure all board members can understand/advocate for our newly crafted philosophy. We should have a future meeting to discuss admin wish-list items up for approval. Board will continue to come up with ideas to benefit entire school and commit to a plan by next month. We won't spend just to spend. Most of our current balance is already committed to fund for teacher assistants and technology. We should put together an annual report with previous year's spending and upcoming budget.

School Administration Report (S. Laslo): Got resubmitted bill for teachers' assistants. We can pay it when CPS asks. The already committed amount is \$350,456.28.

LSC Update (E. Storrie): Pretty quiet meeting again. Starting the principal evaluation process which is due beginning of May. Look for info on rescheduling technology meeting that was postponed from Jan. That would include info on the technology purchasing from the \$40K FOC grant.

Spring Fling (B. Odem): Program in final stages of review. Will be distributed March 15. Are at 310 tix sold. Deadline for early-bird tickets is Friday, expect more sales this week. \$8,100 spent on raffle already. Trying something new with a teacher experience this year -- principal for a day is being raffled off instead of auctioned. 110 students have already participated and \$685 has been raised so far. Will promote further in FOC email blast.

Box Tops (C. Kreidler): Collected 6,690 Box Tops in second collection on Feb. 15. Fall collection was 8,500. One more collection on May 31. Top 3 teachers right now are Sullivan, Turner, Carpenter.

Coonley Cares (B. Roark): Raising money again at Spring Fling. Giving away umbrellas for a \$100 donation and bags for a \$30 donation.

Coonley Core (K. Lish): Very busy month. Got some new sponsors but also lost some big ones, including Nava Segall who was platinum and is looking to do different kind of advertising. Lost Beneen Prendiville but she may renew in fall. Also lost Children's Lighthouse and Holy Nails. **New sponsors:** Christine Shepardson real estate (gold) and Kathy Bock real estate (silver). Steve and Kate's camp (bronze), Concordia Place (bronze), Chicago Family Asthma and Allergy (silver). **Renewals:** D'Agostino's (gold), Enrollment Specialists (gold), Sheryl Becker (silver), O'Hara Irish Dance (bronze). Schoolyard Tavern (silver).

Teacher Wish List (B. Roark): A lot of great purchases, including wobbly chairs, Spanish subscription, book shelves, chick incubators, snap circuits, pretend-play clothes. B. Roark working on list to share all items with us. Some teachers sending nice emails to their classes about the grants we've provided.

Book Fair (S. Laslo): New electronic account method this fair. We should make sure we get that info out to parents.

Coonleywear (I. Cherry): Not going to do distribution on report card pickup day anymore. Will be distributed straight to classroom. Next sale likely in May. Still have some older stock on the website people can purchase.

Speaker series (E. McGarry): Tuesday, April 30, 6:30-7:45 p.m. will be the date for the speaker from the Children's Advocacy Center. Can look into NBGC to provide babysitting if parents need.

3-5 dance (I. Cherry): Well underway. Glow-in-the-dark theme. Bought black lights. Doing a craft to make tug toys out of old T-shirts for shelter dogs. Sold 63 tickets so far.

Volunteer appreciation (B. Roark): Maybe in May at Gannon's. Buy some appetizers. Are drink tickets OK? Can discuss further. Maybe on Thursday, May 23.

PR for FOC. (B. Roark): Can start with the teacher wish-list gift: Pictures of things they bought with their funds. Hashtag on Twitter. #ThankyouFOC #FOCgrants, keep working on this.

Adjournment: B. Odem moved to adjourn meeting at 8:20. K. Morris seconded. All approve.

Minutes prepared by K. Morris. Next FOC meeting scheduled for April 2, 2019.