

Friends of Coonley Board Meeting

April 2, 2019, 7 p.m.

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

Honorary Board Members in attendance: Kelly Lish, Esther Storrie, Greg Zurawski

Guests in attendance: None.

Call to order (B. Roark): called meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (B. Roark): B. Roark motioned to approve March minutes w contingency of fixing typo in teacher assistant funding section. I. Cherry seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report (K. Alvarez): Discovered that last month's mystery deposits were from the Spring Fling Raffle. Will look into best vendor for raffle next year due to credit card fee concerns. The total committed accounts have \$585,243.47 and total available funds are \$15,131.82. K. Alvarez motions to approve Treasurer's report. I. Cherry seconds. All approve.

School Administration Report (S. Laslo): CPS requesting payment for the teaching assistants. FOC will send the check.

LSC Update (E. Storrie): Did principal evaluation for Mr. Zurawski.

Spring Fling (B. Odem): Next Spring Fling we will finally be moving from the DANK Haus and trying Rockwell on the River. Will be more expensive and could affect ticket prices. Discussed considering a sliding scale for ticket prices.

Coonley Core (K. Lish): Nava Segall MD rejoined at Bronze level.

Mattress sales (B. Roark): Beginning to talk about a date for next mattress sale. Discussed the need to ask vendor to better break down what share of the profits Coonley receives.

Ribfest (B. Roark): Bridget Kantoff is chairing the Ribfest volunteer committee. She's filling volunteer spots for June 14-16. Will be communicating info through FOC blast.

Book fair (I. Cherry): Preparations underway. Tiffany Marzuki and Susan Okimoto are co-chairs and doing a great job. This spring will be a signature fair with more books, including more non-fiction and middle-grades choices.

Box Tops (C. Kriedler): Final collection will be May 31.

3-5 and 6-8 Dance (I. Cherry): 3-5 dance was a fun night and well attended. New \$5 ticket price is good for inclusivity but doesn't cover cost of dance. Will likely be the same or larger loss for 6-8 dance. After this year's slate of dances we can discuss going forward if we want to continue to take a slight loss on the dances or if we need to re-examine ticket prices. Co-chairs for 6-8 dance will be Elisha Jurewicz and Renee Girardin. They plan to re-use the black lights from the grades 3-5 dance.

Teacher appreciation (E. Van Awken/C. Kriedler): Committee working on plans for Teacher appreciation week. Renee Girardin working on themed photos for main hallway. Will be a breakfast for teachers and other daily surprises. Discussed that with the growing number of staff it is getting more difficult to ensure that every teacher gets equal gifts. Will consider for next year potentially doing away with funds being collected at the room rep level in favor of a collection at the school-wide level to be used on teacher gifts.

Playground enhancement (E. McGarry): Discussed need/want for better activities for Coonley students during recess. Best way to provide balls/equipment without having to continually replace items. Also potential to improve blacktop areas with paint. Looked at examples of painted areas at other playgrounds (Four square, hopscotch, etc.) E. McGarry and B. Odem will visit other schools and look into further ideas for improving our play area this summer.

Adjournment: B. Roark moved to adjourn meeting at 8:32. B. Odem seconded. All approve.

Minutes prepared by K. Morris. Next FOC meeting scheduled for May 7, 2019.

