

Friends of Coonley Board Meeting

Feb. 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

Honorary Board Members in attendance: Kelly Lish, Stephanie Epperson

Guests in attendance: Melissa Mann, Leah Boston, Erin VanAwken

Call to order (B. Roark): Called meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

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

New FOC board member (B. Roark): Introducing Erin VanAwken as new board member, replacing Renee Girardin who is stepping down after many years. B. Roark motions for a vote to add her to the board. K. Alvarez seconds. All approve.

Treasurer's Report (K. Alvarez): Big month as we are starting to see Spring Fling movement. Net monthly income \$-6,447.23. The total committed accounts have \$511,607.01 and total available funds are \$370,416.87. K. Alvarez motions to approve. I. Cherry seconds. All approve.

School Administration Report (S. Laslo): All the water fountains are done and working well.

LSC Update (K. Lish): Quick meeting until public participation portion. Long discussion at end about CPS Score athletics and some parent concerns about the new program. Growing pains with new athletic director and program.

Spring Fling (B. Odem): Planning underway. Sold 127 tickets so far. Trying to get in ads and donations as deadline approaching.

Coonley Cares (B. Roark): Had Spring Fling committee discuss/vote on a recipient for Coonley Cares. Settled on Music Inc. People will be able to donate to Music Inc. via Coonley Cares at Spring Fling. Brooke Roark made motion to approve. S. Laslo seconded. All approve.

Coonley Core (K. Lish): A lot of renewals ahead of Spring Fling. Expecting even more to arrive. **New sponsors:** Andrew Weeks photography, Johnny Sprockets (silver).

Renewals: City Kids Dental (gold), Yvonne's Dance Academy (gold), Tutu School (gold), Lakeshore Sport and Fitness (gold). ROCKS (silver), Freshworks Dental Studio (silver), Blo Dry Bar (bronze), Embellish (bronze).

Pride Stride (B. Roark): Looking at Oct. 11, 2019 for next Pride Stride. The following Friday would be a weather-makeup day. Doing a contract with Boosterthon again. Same \$6,500 fee as 2018 event. B. Roark made a motion to approve the date and the fee to Boosterthon. K. Alvarez seconded. All approve.

Speaker series (E. McGarry): Michelle Swenson works for non-profit called Children's Advocacy Center. They are doing a talk at Bell this month about keeping your children safe. Heather Donnell reaching out to them about doing it here as well. Speaker is free.

Box Tops (B. Roark): Friday, Feb. 15 is second collection date. Looking for Tops and volunteers to count them. Also advertising a sweepstakes on BTFE.com. We are one-third of the way to the yearly goal after the first collection. Proceeds going to Coonley's cluster program.

Movie night (E. VanAwken): Great turnout despite the weather. Cost was \$413. Lower concessions income due to lower prices. Volunteer numbers right on for our needs.

Future funding philosophy (K. Alvarez): We need to put together a brainstorming session of what we can spend our surplus on to benefit the school. Finance should have a meeting with admin to determine spending needs/wish list of things to benefit all students. Put a philosophy on paper about how we approach allocating the money we spend. Make a 5-year plan that funds wish-list things but also saves some money we can fall back on. Possibly athletic/gym improvements. Draining Lake Coonley? Snow removal?

Family Fun Fair (M. Mann): Second annual Fun Fair was Jan. 27 at Lakeshore Sport & Fitness. Raised \$407. Got Beta club members to sell raffle tix. Would like to get them more involved next year. Can talk to them and see if they are interested. Event is easy to execute. Can discuss next year if it's a benefit to our community. Feel somewhat removed from the Lakeshore community. Attendance lower this year

possibly due to the fact weekend was busy with movie night and a Core member throwing Wellness event at Ultimate Ninjas.

K-2 Dance (I. Cherry): Going well. Most volunteer spots full. Sold 233 tickets so far. Interested to see how the new lower price point works out. Still looking for a chair for 3-5 dance.

Adjournment: B. Odem moved to adjourn meeting at 9:00. I. Cherry seconded. All approve.

Minutes prepared by K. Morris. Next FOC meeting scheduled for March 5, 2019.