

## **Friends of Coonley Board Meeting**

**May 7, 2019, 7:30 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

**Guests in attendance:** Jason Finn

**Call to order (B. Roark):** called meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

**Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (B. Roark):** April minutes aren't yet available. We will vote to approve over email or at June meeting.

**Treasurer's Report (K. Alvarez):** New bank is Fifth Third which bought out MB Financial. Net monthly income \$346,390.33. The total committed accounts have \$529,126.94 and total available funds are \$361,522.15. K. Alvarez motions to close out Enrichment Fund 2018-19 and move that to available funds. I. Cherry seconds. All approve. Finance will send a poll to board members to set a date for working on FOC budget for 2019-20 school year.

**School Administration Report (S. Laslo):** Looking to pay a technology assistant with FOC funds next year. Would be about \$50K. Would give the school budget relief from tightest budget ever. B. Roark made motion to fund it. Ellen seconded. All approve. Looking into basketball backboard quotes. Could be more expensive than we thought. Looking into snow plow quotes. One for \$10K. Looking into gym floor quotes. One for \$16K. Sanding, painting drilling gym floor for volleyball net. Should have all the quotes in this month. Need to decide timeline for those things as well as playground enhancements.

**LSC Update (E. Storrie):** Approved the principal evaluation. Will present it at June LSC meeting. LSC had a special meeting to approve budget. Total money higher than last year but mostly covers cost-of-living increases for teachers. Discretionary money was down a bit, as expected. LSC approves allocation of money.

**Spring Fling (B. Odem):** Next Spring Fling will be March 21, 2020. Need to get contracts signed and deposits approved for facility (Rockwell on the River) and non-alcoholic beverage service. Streamline is our night-of provider to help with Greater Giving. Sticking with same auctioneer. We will need to pay \$10,000 in deposits for those four things soon. B. Odem requesting \$20K to start fund, has been \$10K in the past. Brooke can send us an event budget via email. Location costs \$15K more than last year. Will be difficult to cover costs on ticket price alone. May not be able to promise this year that every dollar we make is going to students. Community has been asking for a change from DANK and we are comfortable trying this new venue. B. Odem motions to approve deposits. K. Alvarez seconds. All approve.

**Coonley Core (K. Lish): New: Renewals:** Club Pilates (silver level). Had a meeting with the Core committee. Decided to celebrate Core week this year with a hashtag contest on Facebook and Instagram. Thanking our 55 sponsors who brought in \$30K. Will begin on June. Will make sure everyone gets a post. Also will tell Core sponsors times for the back-to-school Meet and Greet for them to set up on blacktop. We should be looking into setting a school-year calendar for events for next year. Jenny Schafer will be transitioning to take over Core leadership for Kelly.

**Mattress sales (B. Roark):** Marketing fee 15-20% of their profit is what we get. \$3,000 is our check this year.

**Coonley Cares (B. Roark):** May 31. Shannon Belmont and Tracy Stein working on an event for Common Pantry. Coonley students will make summer kits for Common Pantry clients. Also doing a letter-writing campaign to thank people/politicians who fund things that help students. Fee is \$25 that goes to Common Pantry and includes a Coonley Cares t-shirt.

**Coonleywear (I. Cherry):** Looking at a new company, new items. Features our school building. Considering if we need to adjust prices. Will be advertised around K Orientation.

**Book fair (I. Cherry):** Sold 22.5K. Got 1,690 new books for the school. New online payment system went well.

**Box Tops (C. Kriedler):** Counting again on May 31. Box tops people are starting to roll out their digital system. Could soon spell the end of this initiative at Coonley as it will be more difficult for people to submit their box tops.

**Speaker series (E. McGarry):** 40 people attended. The speakers were happy with that number. A handful of kids at the free babysitting.

**6-8 Dance (I. Cherry):** Sold 90 tickets so far. About half as many as last year. Online sales will close Thursday night. Tix will be available at the door. Elisha/Renee have things in hand.

**Teacher appreciation (E. Van Awken):** Breakfast went well. All items were purchased off Sign-up Genius. Have been trying to figure out the gift card component. Teachers aides/specials are going to be a Gift Grab system. Will learn from this year's experience as we move forward. Maybe go to a Sign-up Genius system.

**K Meet and Greet (B. Odem).** Working on lining up food trucks (savory and sweet) for June 4. Cheesies and the ice cream cart guy are a yes. Beavers donuts and pizza guys have said no. Will try Stan's and a Crepe place.

**Yubbler (Laslo):** Going to have a firm cutoff. Late people upset last year supplies weren't on time even though it was stated it might not be. Will cut it off at July 31. Supplies will arrive by second week of Aug. when teachers return. There will be a 20 percent off coupon for a week when it goes live. Then will go to 15%. Will all be delivered to Coonley. Will go right to grade-level classroom so the teachers can sort as needed. Can get email to incoming K in time for them to take advantage of the discount.

**Storage (B. Roark):** Fee going up by \$10. \$152 per month. Need to get a bigger space anyway. Will try to negotiate via Core. Still need to clean out storage room here. Will choose an after-school date.

**Playground enhancement (E. McGarry):** Drainage situation continues to be a problem. Engineers have been out twice. CPS has promised "movement" this summer. We don't know exactly what that will entail so can't start painting/improvements until that work is done. Visited other schools to get ideas and found many other ideas besides just painting. Some painting ideas are Four Square, Hop scotch, basketball courts. Targets on wall. Lines on field that Ms. Collins wants. Mark a quarter-mile on track. Sensory path on sidewalk in Rock Garden area. Maybe a mural, nature inspired. Maybe add climbing logs etc. Other ideas from other schools: Higher fence or net along alley to keep balls in. Better soccer goals? Backless benches in more areas. Wrapping the basketball posts in padding. Potentially moving basketball courts - that would be a big ask. Cubs charities open to discussing a grant with us as we use our field for baseball in the community. Deadline passed for this year. Applications will be in January. Could approach Bulls about basketball hoops funding as well.

**Volunteer appreciation night (B. Roark):** Thursday May 30 at Gannon's. For this year's volunteers or potential volunteers.

**Adjournment:** B. Roark moved to adjourn meeting at 8:56. I. Cherry seconded. All approve.

*Minutes prepared by K. Morris. Next FOC meeting scheduled for June. 4, 2019.*