

## **Friends of Coonley Board Meeting**

**Nov. 5, 2019, 7 p.m.**

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

**Honorary board members in attendance:** Esther Storrie, Kelly Lish

**Guests in attendance:** Sherry Skalko, Sandy Morris

**Call to order (B. Roark):** Called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Review and approval of meeting minutes (B. Roark):** I. Cherry corrected the amount of money listed that was brought in by Ribfest (\$3K) and the number of K-2 dance volunteers (14-15). B. Odem made motion to approve Oct. minutes. I. Cherry seconded. All approve.

**Treasurer's report (I. Cherry):** Subject to reconciliation. Dance money has been refunded. Total committed accounts are \$356,413.50 Available funds are \$562,655.49. I. Cherry made motion to approve expenses for Oct. S. Laslo seconded. All approve.

**LSC Report (E. Storrie):** Not much to report. CWIP data update is to come.

**School admin report (S. Laslo):** Mr. W is requesting things for rock band, which is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade program. \$2,499.31. Ms. Metz is creating a stage space in her room. Lights, etc. \$1,975.76. These would come out of Pride Stride funds. Art and other specials requests are still TBD. B. Odem moves to approve \$2,500 per. B. Roark seconds.

**Spring Fling (B. Odem):** Due to the strike, some meetings have been pushed back. Kickoff will be at 7 7 pm on Nov. 6. Do we send out save-the-date information now, or later? (Are families not in the mood to talk about fundraising this shortly after the strike?)

Committee asking for input whether to send out paper reminders or not this year. Board voted in favor of electronic reminders only. B. Roark proposed to have hard copies at report card pickup for the teachers to distribute.

**Pride Stride (B. Roark):** We beat our goal, but final numbers are still coming in (looking at approx. \$139k gross). Mr Z and Mr Laslo are working on a date for the X-Factor competition.

**Coonley Cares (B. Roark):** Coat Angels a success (\$4.1k). Sophie Gettleman of student council/Beta club met with B. Roark and Principal Zurawski to discuss getting more involved with Coonley Cares. They are raising money to build robotic prosthetics. \$125 per kit and then kids build them and send to another country. They want to try to sell our leftover Coonley Cares bags for \$20 at report card pickup.

Tracy/Beta club doing toy collection for Common Pantry again. We can help promote the signup genius.

**Insurance (B. Roark):** Waiting for a new quote. Coverage will roll over. They dropped sexual abuse coverage from all contracts with clients. Since parents here go through CPS background checks, we are OK without. We are also covered via CPS on that front.

**Box Tops (C. Kriedler):** Classroom contest ongoing for most Box Tops per student. Ms. Sugrue's class in lead after first collection.

**Mattress sale (B Roark):** Don't have final numbers but we hear it went well. Volunteer effort was great. Had at least 7 mattresses sold by 1 p.m.

**Parent speaker series (E. McGarry):** The next Screenagers movie is out -- "Uncovering skills for stress resilience." Kathleen Hayes, E. McGarry and admin agree it's a good option. May also be interest in another showing of first Screenagers film -- "Growing up in a Digital Age." Talking about showing them on Nov. 20 and Dec. 10, with the second one first. Licensing is \$950 for both. Films run a little over an hour. NBGC offering free child care again. Only other fee is to print marketing posters. Total budget would be \$1,335. Could open it up to others in the community. K. Hayes could monitor a post-movie discussion using the discussion guide the company provides. Had one of the better turnouts for speaker series when we showed the first one. B. Roark made motion to approve \$1,335. Ellen seconds. All approve.

**K-2 dance (I. Cherry).** Was scheduled for Oct. 25 and then for Nov. 2. Decided to temporarily cancel due to uncertainty with strike. Refunded everyone's money. Proposed new date is Nov. 22. Going to stick with the Halloween theme. 3-5 dance will be chaired by Renee Schneidewind and Elisha Jurewicz. Proposing a Valentine's dance on Feb. 7. Need to check on the DJ. Should we set a date for 6-8 Dance? Usually in May. May 8 looks like best bet with the other already scheduled activities. Still need a committee to volunteer or we may have to cancel.

**Teacher appreciation (E. Van Awken):** During strike was supposed to be first Load the Lounge. We were going to do 3 during the year. Going to do all 3 after the holidays. First will be in January. Maybe FOC will load the lounge now instead of asking parents. E. Van Awken motions to approve \$250 for that purpose. I. Cherry seconds, all approve. Need to decide what to do about holiday gifts for staff. Discussed setting up voluntary collection of money per parents. Set up a quickpay-type account parents can contribute to. That will avoid mixing w/ our FOC money and will avoid credit card fees. Collection will run about two weeks. Could supplement with FOC funds if donations slow in first year we are trying this. Will start after Thanksgiving. Would be good to remind room reps now that that is the plan. The goal is to make sure that all staff get something. Mr. Laslo believes all teachers respect that sentiment. Ms. Morgan, our teacher liaison, can also help communicate to staff. We should come up with a clever name for it. Gifts will be from all students/families, regardless of level of donation.

**Rainbow room (B. Roark):** Meeting room on elevated third floor got painted with base coat during Mattress Sale day. Paid \$400 to do it, instead of using volunteers, which was a good call. Job tougher than anticipated and off to a good start.

**Movie night (B. Roark):** Movie license is good through end of January. Friday, Jan. 24 could work for this year's event. Will pursue that.

**Coonleywear:** (I. Cherry) Renee Schneidewind heading it up. Going to try to get samples and have table at report card pickup. Then place order. Doing only online sales didn't work as well as we hoped but are still trying to stick to pre-orders to avoid having too much inventory. Getting sweatpants, shirts, beanie hats, etc.

**Adjournment:** B. Roark moved to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m. I. Cherry seconded. All approve.

*Minutes prepared by K. Morris and I. Cherry. Next FOC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019.*