

Friends of Coonley Board Meeting

Oct. 2, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Board Members in attendance: Renee Girardin, Stephen Laslo, Ellen McGarry, Kristin Morris, Brooke Odem, Tracy Portnoy, Brooke Roark, Michelle Swenson, John Zachar.
Plus new board members: Kathy Alvarez, Inka Cherry, Christina Kriedler

Honorary Board Members in attendance: Kelly Lish

Guests in attendance: None (likely due to Cubs' wild-card game!)

Call to order (B. Roark): called meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (B. Roark): Will approve Sept. minutes over email once all have a chance to review. Need to upload recent minutes to website.

Treasurer's Report (M. Swenson): Mattress sale and Ribfest money came in and went to field trip fund. Starting to see income from Pride Stride. Made down payment to DANK Haus for Spring Fling. Net monthly income was \$6,931.72. The total committed accounts have \$366,822.06 and total available funds are \$388,411.91. J. Zachar makes motion to approve financials, T. Portnoy seconds, all approve.

Board turnover (B. Roark): Thanks to J. Zachar and T. Portnoy for their many years serving on board. Thanked M. Swenson for busy year as Treasurer. For 2018-19 board: K. Morris new secretary, K. Alvarez rejoining board as Treasurer, I. Cherry joining board as co-treasurer/board member, C. Kriedler joining as board member. VP responsibilities will be split between R. Girardin, E. McGarry, B. Odem. Ms. Morgan will be assisting us as teacher liaison. With new board members voted in, we will re-work responsibilities list.

B. Roark made motion to approve 2018-19 board. J. Zachar seconded. All approved.

New board was seated.

School Administration Report (S. Laslo): Shelter in place drill will be on Oct. 4. and the lockdown drill is on Oct. 11. Received increase in student-based funding due to higher-than-expected enrollment. Also got two aides paid for by CPS to be shared among three neighborhood second-grade classrooms which are at 32 students apiece.

LSC Update (K. Lish): Quiet LSC meeting. No major announcements.

Coonley Core (K. Lish): **New members:** Building Blocks joined at Gold level. Geek services and Schoolyard Tavern joined at bronze. **Renewals:** Donahoe Pediatric renewed at Gold level, Immediate Care MD at bronze and Ruby Nails at bronze. Tavern on Little Fort joining as well and we are awaiting check.

B. Roark asked about possibility of holding fundraising givebacks at restaurants as we keep getting requests to do them from parents and restaurants. Board discussed how that could fit with Coonley Core and the need to ensure it doesn't undermine Core program. Ideas included keeping it to a "restaurant week" or getting the restaurant to guarantee us \$250, which would earn them a Core membership. We will gather more information on how much an interested restaurant typically donates from their school fundraisers (Core level?) and make a decision.

Pride Stride (K. Lish): Just crossed \$40,000 mark. 493 kids registered. Gave out 450 water bottles to classrooms on Tuesday. More surprise announcements could be coming next week.

Spring Fling (B. Roark/B. Odem): B. Roark made motion to approve check for streamline support for auction (\$2,312). B. Odem seconded. All approved. Spring Fling committee members are looking into other options than DANK Haus for future if the numbers work out. Money and time availability need to make sense.

Coonley Cares (B. Roark): Coat Angels drive getting a good response from community.

Halloween (E. McGarry): Lots of returning volunteers and some new help this year. Similar format to last year's event, but some tweaks. Magic show and Mad Science in gym followed by karaoke. Mix of activities on second floor. Haunted House on third.

Food and beverages in multipurpose. Will look for volunteers, might not need as many as last year. Aiming to put tix onsale on Oct. 15 via Square. (after Pride Stride.)

Box Tops (C. Kriedler): First collection date will be Oct. 19. Last year earnings were \$2,400. Aiming for \$2,500 this year. Discussed dedicating funds from Free Cash for Coonley to the special needs program (Uniforms and travel for Special Olympics, food for peer buddy events). Will let folks know what they are clipping box tops for and also will raise awareness of benefits of our cluster program. Agreed to try it this year.

Teacher appreciation (R. Girardin): Committee is underway, with C. Kriedler and several new parents involved this year. Info on this year's plan went out via room reps. First loading of snacks in staff lounge is tomorrow.

School-wide calendar (B. Roark): E. McGarry mentioned need to lock in dates so we can finalize committees. Proposing Jan. 25 for movie night. Feb. 8 for K-2 dance and March 8 for 3-5. The 6-8 dance could be on May 10 or May 17, depending on when the spring musical is. Discussed whether we want to do the Family Fun Fair again. Lakeshore Sport & Fitness wants to host it again. Maybe Jan. 27 if that's not too close to movie night? B. Roark will see if Melissa Mann wants to chair it again.

Coonleywear (I. Cherry): Coonleywear is getting a new online store. There will be a two-week period to order online, from Oct. 15-29. Eight new items for sale. I. Cherry is going to run designs past admin. Item distribution will be at report card pickup. Company will label by last name. Coonley will make \$2-5 on each item. Going online ends inventory issues. Can change up items for spring.

Storage room (B. Odem): Purge is underway. Cleared a lot of Spring Fling items first. Admin can now use for space for testing. That space could become a classroom next year when combined with teacher offices. May need to clear it out completely. Ongoing conversation.

Adjournment: B. Roark moved to adjourn meeting at 8:48 p.m. B. Odem seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Minutes prepared by K. Morris. Next FOC meeting scheduled for November 6, 2018.