

Friends of Coonley Board Meeting

December 5, 2017

7:30 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Renee Girardin, Stephen Laslo, Ellen McGarry, Kristen Morris, Brooke Odem, Tracy Portnoy, Brooke Roark, Michelle Swenson, John Zachar

Honorary Board Members in Attendance: Kelly Lish, Sherry Skalko, Esther Storrie

Guests in Attendance: Heather Lewis Donnell, Inka Cherry, Parker Boveroux, Joe Armetta, Kennedy Ryan, Lisa Mishkin, Jason Star

Call to order (B. Roark): B. Roark called meeting to order at 7:33PM

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (B. Roark): Motion was made to approve Nov. meeting minutes. T. Portnoy seconded. No opposition.

Treasurer's Report (M. Swenson):

Net monthly income was \$9,411.82. The total committed accounts \$194,561.00 and total available \$450,340.15. M. Swenson made motion to approve, T. Portnoy seconded.

Mattress Sale (J. Zachar):

Just Get Sleep (Joe Armetta) presented their thoughts on the program and where it could go. They noted 10% of population is in the market for a mattress each year, which should result in sales of 100-150 mattresses a year at Coonley event. They'd like to see two events a year; one being around tax time which is a peak buying time. They feel strongly that program could result in \$20-30,000 to school. There was also discuss of a mattress raffle that could go toward 8th grade trip for next year (7th graders would sell the raffle tix). Board to discuss items and determine if we agree to proceed with their recommendations.

School Administration Report (S. Laslo):

Expect to have new iPads in January. The process for obtaining the iPads has been slowed due to contract negotiations between CPS and Apple.

Library furniture has started arriving. Big reveal in late January or early February. The \$4500 charge for installation has been removed. S. Laslo will send out email with final invoice for a vote. Coonley will donate old library furniture to school in Bronzeville.

LSC Update (E. Storrie)

There was Closed session for principal evaluation. Voted to approve summarize evaluation. Also considered cumulative evaluation. Will make decision about contract renewal

Committee Reports:

Spring Fling: (L. Mishkin) Party team looking to renew parties from last year. The next committee co-chair meeting is Monday 12/11/17.

Coonley Cares (T. Portnoy): Coat Angels days on 11/28/17 at Ogelsby. Next event is 12/14/17.

Core update (K. Lish):

Two new sponsors have been added:

Bronze Level, Coconut Yoga, Silver Level, Swedish Covenant Immediate Care (renewal)

Fun fair at Lakeshore: Tentatively scheduled for February. Looking for Co-chair of event. Need 10-12 volunteers. Pricing TBD. LSC needs to approve the event.

Community Events :

Halloween Fall Festival (E.McGarry):

Revenues were \$14,394.60 against expenses \$10,400.36 yielded a profit of \$3,994.36. Expected 750 attendees, actual was closer to 1300. Had 10 staff members in the building, which committee felt was ideal. Event has been documented on Google Drive.

Dances (B. Odem):

K-2 Valentine's Dance 2/9/18. Expect 250 kids.

Movie Night (E. McGarry):

January 26, 2018. Movie TBD

Speaker Series (Heather Lewis Donnell):

Coonley has \$4000 budget for Speaker Series events. Some felt that was a significant cost and team potentially looking to pool money with Bell and have at least one event at Coonley. There was discussion on reaching out to author "How to Raise Adults", Julie Lythcott Haims, however her costs are very high (\$10,000). Bell hosting Deborah Heitner on 01/30/18 Raising Digital Natives. Committee checking to see if we can get current parents to speak, pool resources or get more from speakers (i.e. speak to both parents and students etc). Team to review option and discuss with FOC board.

Teacher Appreciation (R. Girardin):

Putting together the teacher favorites as well as a new holiday wish list. The teachers are not aware of the wish list, but will include items that are for the classroom and at reasonable for those parents who would like to give something extra this year. All items are voluntary. Team will be kicking off year long Teacher Appreciation starting with reveal of teacher lounge in Jan then other small items to show appreciation throughout the year.

Communication (S. Skalko):

We are still using Constant Contact for communications. Transitioning to Mail Chimp perhaps over Christmas break.

Miscellaneous:

Volunteer appreciation night: (R. Girardin/B. Roark):

Appreciation event will be on 12/14 at B. Roark's house. Intend to include ALL volunteers from Sept-Dec. There will another appreciation night (tentatively June) to say thank you to volunteers who have donated their time from Jan-June.

Midnight Circus is hosting a Movie Night at Welles Park on 12/8 at 7PM. They are showing Polar Express and all families are welcome.

Adjournment (B. Roark): B. Roark moved to adjourn meeting at 8:54pm. J. Zachar seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Minutes prepared by J. Zachar. Next FOC meeting scheduled for January 9, 2018.