

10/30/2008 - Board Meeting at Jitters

In attendance: Doughty, Wink, Aggas, Chastel , Leyer (excused)

Positions and Focus:

Doughty – President – (ECC/Elementary)

Leyer – Vice President – (Elementary)

Wink – Treasurer – (High School)

Chastel – Assistant Treasurer (Elementary)

Aggas – Secretary (ECC, Elementary, Middle School)

Kick Off Picnic funds :

Lisa Dewindt-Sommer requested that PSA to write a check to RSD for \$150 for the kick off picnic. Patti reminded everyone that we had agreed last year we would not sponsor the picnic again due to low attendance of parents and because most of the dorm students attend.

ACTION :

- **Theresa will check old minutes to confirm that we agreed not to sponsor before confirming with Lisa.**
- **We need to develop a form for future requests by RSD.**

Fundraising :

Fundraising through Monarch came to over \$4k. PSA profit is \$2300. Last year we earned less, about \$2k in fundraising and under \$1k for profit. We had more time to sell this year, allowing us to earn more.

Requests/Scholarship:

We discussed how we would use the funds raised through fundraising. We need to develop guidelines and forms for scholarship.

- **Families and students should get involved in school activities somehow.**
- **Provide support for students wanting to go to different camps rather than the same camps every year.**
- **Student volunteer as babysitters for evening events**

ACTION :

- **Each board member to think about what is important to include in the guidelines.**

We may want to consider getting local organizations to sponsor food and drinks during events and meetings in exchange for a short presentation to save funds. We use up almost all the money every year.

Motions :

Theresa moves that we take \$500 from the fundraiser and put it into a savings account. Patti Seconds. All in favor.

Funds:

We have a little over \$2300 from the fundraiser. With \$500 going into savings, we will have a little over \$1800 remaining.

PROBLEM : M and T is charging \$6 for inactivity during the summer.

ACTION:

- ***Patti will find out if we can get credit.***
- ***Patti will consider other banks where there are no fees.***

Family Kits:

RSD has purchased new family night kits. There are about 6 of them. We need to pick dates , get organizations to sponsor food/drinks for those events and connect themes.

WORKSHOP (11/13)

Mary Mowl needs to know when the Teenage Violence workshop can be held. 11/13 and 11/17 were the dates given. We discussed whether we should include a student panel to bring in more parents/students.

ACTION :

- ***Theresa will contact Mary to let her know Thursday 11/13 is our preferred date.***
- ***Theresa will also ask Mary for more specific information about the workshop and what they hope to cover.***
- ***Julia will then follow up with Mary about panel discussion and how to recruit students to the panel.***

PROBLEM: Mondays are not good days so we are not choosing 11/17. There is a Town Hall Meeting held by RSD on 11/13. This conflicts with the dates above.

- ***Theresa will need to address this with Mary Mowl.***

PROBLEM : *We need to consider childcare for this workshop if parents request it.*

CHRISTMAS PARTY (12/18)

Tentatively we are looking at 12/18 for a Christmas party, dinner, dessert and Santa. In the past, traditionally, we provided pizza. Last year, we offered spaghetti dinner for the first time.

ACTION : .

- *Theresa will check where the Santa Claus suit is.*
- *We need to consider catering options, or ordering pizza.*
- *Julia will look into DePaul catering.*
- *Patti will consider other catering options.*
- *Patti will also check to see who has the kitchen certificate. This will allow us to use the kitchen and we can consider having pasta/meatballs, etc. Families can bring dessert.*
- *Board to pick at least 2 families to help out with Christmas party.*
- *Consider :*
 - *Doughty family to focus on advertising Christmas Party*
 - *Patti to focus on Christmas Party food and catering*
 - *Chastel family to focus on Admission*
 - *Aggas Family to be Santa Claus and take pictures*
 - *Leyer-Howell Family to focus on coordinating play with Pam McIntyre.*

SWIM EVENT (2/12/09)

Another family event. Use the "Get Moving" kit ?

ACTION:

- *Theresa will check with Lisa to see who to contact about the swim event.*

SUMMER PROGRAMS (4/16/2009)

We discussed having people from community come out and talk about the summer programs available.

We could invite people to talk about Space Camp, Camp Mark 7, YLC, Outward Bound, Tech Girls, Steps to Success for Hispanic and African American kids in middle school.

Deaf Equip could sponsor food or suggest people purchase items with a percentage to go to PSA funds for above camp scholarships.

ACTION :

- ***Board to recruit people for this event eventually.***
- ***Board to consider which is more important – Deaf Equip to provide funds for food or 10% of all purchases for scholarships.***

NEXT MEETING :

Next meeting for parents could be November 13. This can be a short meeting.

ACTION:

- ***Meeting conflicts with Town hall Meeting the same night. Theresa to follow up with Mary Mowl about this.***

WEBSITE:

We want to be able to put items into the website.

ACTION:

- ***Patti will find out about website use.***