



ATTENDEES

Kelly Barker, Jeannie Houts, Todd Shyrock, Aline Hoey, Brandy Erzen, Jackie Stafford, Kelly Rettig, Danyelle Bell, Sara Taliaferro, and Scott Cinnamon were in attendance.

PRINCIPAL CINNAMON'S REPORT

The Fall Food Drive was a tremendous success! The school collected 73 boxes of food, which was about 2, 000 lbs. or over 1,800 items, which were donated to Cornerstone Food Pantry. We got press coverage the day of our fall party!

A community meeting with Gould Evans was held at Cordley on October 22nd with about thirty people (fifteen to twenty Cordley community members)in attendance. The meeting was mostly a presentation by folks from Gould Evans on the new plans. The next step is to draw up plans within the next couple weeks. Principal Cinnamon would like to promote more involvement, especially newer Cordley families who will presumably have children at the school during the remodel. If people cannot attend future meetings, they are encouraged to get a note to Scott or site council regarding their thoughts or concerns. Contact information for Cordley site Council and information on the bond preparation is on the district website.

Faculty and Staff would like to thank the Cordley PTA for nutritious and healthy food, as well as some goodies, provided during the recent Parent-Teacher conferences.

TREASURERS REPORT (please see attachment)

Aline Hoey reviewed the treasurer's report. She is still compiling the Carnival budget report but has a rough estimate of close to \$2,000.00 made. She will have a more firm number after Thanksgiving. Once we have solid numbers, we can put out notices for Teacher Wish List.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kelly Barker had a belated opportunity to talk to Lora Jost and Denise Parker-Timms concerning Holiday Families. Denise and Lora made some minor changes to the program yet kept it essentially the same as it had been. The changes included removing most holiday language from the letter, included gift-wrapping as an option rather than a given, and let people know they could opt for a gift card rather than a gift if they so desired. They estimated a gift-card request would be roughly \$25.00.

The Rotary Club has helped with gift purchases in the past. This year, the Rotary under-



stood that we were giving gift cards this year. There was some premature communication on the matter perhaps. Tim VanLeer of the Rotary Club, through discussions with Lora and Denise, determined that the Rotary Club would now make their focus on gift cards for food. This means a shift in how we need to proceed this year. The Holiday Families program will likely need the PTA to use funds for unfilled gift requests rather than food as they have done in the past. The Holiday Families volunteers will need to help with the shopping for gifts. We budgeted \$1,200.00 for this year. About 42% of our families receive assisted lunch, just as a point of information.

Lora and Denise are willing to put together a timeline for next year for discussion of changes. In the meantime, they are prepared to coordinate through the gift-giving and know their budget and can work with the Rotary Club for food gift cards.

OLD BUSINESS

SPIRIT WEAR: We approved \$50.00 to cover extra t-shirt purchases. We are making about \$200.00 this year. Several ideas were discussed for future t-shirts that we might purchase for students, such as “I survived the Cordley renovation, and all I got was this lousy t-shirt” and/or a t-shirt commemorating Cordley’s 100th Anniversary.

FAIR TRADE FUNDRAISER: This raised about \$2,000.00 and went well. We have candy bars for parties for the top two fundraising classes, Mrs. Rettig’s and Mrs. Watgen’s. All present noted that we would work to separate out the fall fundraiser and food drive next year so they were not running concurrently.

MARATHON CLUB: This is the last week of Cordley Marathon Club for the fall! Marathon Club will start back up next semester, possibly in February. Many students have already completed their first marathon and are working on the next!

LANGUAGE CLUB: The students have been learning Japanese and are soon to start Russian. The club is running very well, and the participants are very enthusiastic about it.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE: The group will meet after Thanksgiving to discuss how to proceed with the next service projects. The theme is water, and some ideas were discussed. We could make a wishing well to collect money, we could set up for online donations. Everyone could give up coffee or soda and donate the money that would have been spent. Water.org is a great source of information. Andrew Nussbaum of Free State was mentioned as a resource to work with high school students who could come talk about their fundraising and community service experiences.



NEW BUSINESS

Our current plans for holiday gifts for teachers was discussed. In the past, the PTA paid for gift certificates to be given at holiday time and the end of the year to teachers. More recently, the PTA provided bagels, coffee, and juice in the faculty/staff break room before winter break. Mr. Cinnamon noted that would be sufficient and quite nice. We would probably give Raven gift cards or some such at the end of the year.

We will send out a short newsletter before Thanksgiving.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Holiday Families letters went out November 7th, and the gifts donated by Cordley community members are due December 12. The Class Party for the Community Food Drive will be October 18th.
- The next PTA Meeting is December 11th at 7:00 PM.

Jackie Stafford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Brandy Ernzen seconded.