



ATTENDEES

Jeannie Houts, Kelly Barker, Dani Lotton Barker, Cindy McCoy, Aline Hoey, Catherine Bolton, Alee Phillips, Mary Barke, Scott Cinnamon, Jackie Stafford, Brandy Ernzen, and Sara Taliaferro were in attendance.

CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Mission Statement Committee had its first meeting and wrote a preliminary draft of the questionnaire to go out to all Cordley families. Mr. Cinnamon has a Cordley intern who compiled the results of the questionnaire filled out during parent-teacher conferences that will be shared with Site Council, and he could share the results with us as well.

TREASURERS REPORT (please see attachment)

Aline Hoey reviewed the treasurer's report. She is organizing a binder which will have reports and overall procedures in it--she will report more on this in April.

The Book Fair receipts are in. At the moment, they have a \$13 shortage on monies taken in. However, this was a very good year for Book Fair, and we should be able to buy a book for every child with the "Scholastic dollars" we earned.

PRINCIPAL CINNAMON'S REPORT

Mr. Cinnamon gave a thank you for staff meals, which once again were healthy and overall much appreciated.

The International Potluck and Dance was an excellent event. We had plenty of food, the Folklorica dancers were wonderful, and the dancing was lots of fun even after the last-minute pull-out of the band for barn dancing.

The Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment tests were administered. These tests are given to students until the children test out.

The Bond meeting at Cordley had about 16 people in attendance. There will be an information sheet coming out from the School District. If we have any thoughts or concerns going forward if the bond passes, please give these to Scott to share with the district.

At the last School Board meeting, it was determined that we (Elementary schools) do not make up a snow day.

Our Chess Team is doing amazing! Ben Hoopes got first at State, and we have a team going to Nationals.



OLD BUSINESS

Again, the potluck was a huge success Michelayn Agnew deserves a special thank you for the amazing job she did once again organizing and running the Book Fair.

Staff meals coordination generally went well. There was one contribution that did not show up, but staff did not notice and there was plenty. It was a big week with lots of efforts on the parts of parents and teachers, so it went smoothly considering the events taking place.

NEW BUSINESS

HOLIDAY FAMILIES:

Ideas discussed were—

- Work through Westar and/or City of Lawrence, have people pledge money to help families with utilities.
- Limit one item per family for gifts.
- Send out a query to participating families to find out what would be the most help— funds for utilities, gifts, etc.
- Buy a Wal-mart card for a set amount for each family
- Buy a Dillons card for food and gas
- Direct families to Toys for Tots or Salvation Army for gifts and help with applications. Catherine has a resource list.
- Do we need to discover if anyone is being left out of the current program who would qualify for assistance but opts out because of what is offered or how?
- Is helping at that particular time important?
- We do have concerns for families over spring break and ensuring they have enough to eat. Alee mentioned that we can utilize Helping Hawks more than we do.
- It is good to have a way for our children to help.
- Perhaps we could give a gift card to adults and a wrapped gift to the children.
- Can we set amounts for each gift?
- Do we need to make assistance happen throughout the year?
- The Mission Statement will help us set priorities.
- We can develop new business partner relationships
- We used to get donated school supplies at the beginning of year but no longer do. Alee said her KU student group could do this next year.
- The point was made that the demographic for Cordley families has changed. We have more families in need. We have had Lawrence Community Shelter children at our school. We still have Family Promise children here.



TEACHER WISH LIST:

Aline had three options for consideration. She noted that there are 27 teachers at Cordley: Sixteen grade level teachers, 3 specials and 9 in other areas (library, counseling, ESL).

Option #1: Give \$75 to each teacher to use as they see fit. Turn in receipts to PTA treasurer. This would put us \$25 over budget. If we did \$74 per teacher we would not be over budget.

Option #2: Give \$100 to each of the grade level teachers and have other teachers turn in requests for the remaining \$400.

Option #3: Give between \$75 and \$100 per grade level and specials teacher (19 teachers). Other teachers can apply for the amount remaining (which will be between \$100 and \$575 depending on what we give to each teacher).

Option #4: Give \$2000 to the office and let them distribute it to teachers as they see fit.

This was sent out to the e-mail list. One vote came in from a parent who could not attend who voted for Option 3, mainly because they did not know what the other areas were (we discussed these and noted them above). Those present at the meeting said maybe not Option 1 because of the hassles of receipts. We do want to avoid PTA board members filling the orders if possible. Aline stated that we could vote on Option 1 with no receipts. It was noted that this might be nice to do at the beginning of the year, but it would be difficult, since at the moment the funds come from the Carnival and Silent Auction proceeds. The suggestion was made that we set a line item in the budget that is for \$2,500.00 with \$2,000.00 to disburse and \$500.00 for pool for unanticipated needs to which teachers apply.

Jackie Stafford made a motion the we vote on Option 1 with a friendly amendment that we set the amount at \$75.00 each. Catherine Bolton seconded. All present voted in favor, with the one electronic vote for Option 3 noted.

PTA VS PTO: We need to have a serious discussion next meeting to set our intentions. If we are committed to the change, we start the process. We reviewed the various handouts and agreed to read over them carefully for next meeting.

Catherine made a motion that we allow Becky OKeefe to purchase the information packet on becoming a PTO. Aline Hoey seconded it. All voted in favor.



NEW OFFICERS:

Former PTA President Sharon Ashworth has agreed to be secretary. We will need a new President, Vice President, and Treasurer next school year. Jackie will put a description and time commitment involved for each position in the next newsletter.

COMMITTEES UPDATES:

Marathon Club: Club coordinators from all schools met. We will now have ribbons for half-marathon qualifiers that will be given out the first day Marathon Club starts back up. Shauna Price has ordered them. The Juice Stop will give a free juice drink for full marathon finishers, and TCBY coupon is a possibility. The mounts for pictures of marathon finishers will be up soon.

Todd Shyrock will have details for Spring Work Day soon.

Jackie Stafford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Catherine Bolton seconded.

March Treasurer's report	12-Mar-13
Last month's balance	11175.6
Expenses	
Babysitting	-20
Clubs (Nature Center)	-800
Book Fair	-2675.61
State chess entry fee	-100
Staff meals	-48.86
marathon club	-128.4
printing	-62.43
Income	
Book Fair	2587.16
Silent Auction (?)	30
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