

Ainsworth PTA Meeting Minutes- 11/06/2018

Notes taken by Gretchen Richter

Attendance: Natalie Willes, Jen Rollins, Andi Mukul, Gretchen Richter, Anna Short, Vince Digianno, Andrew Johnson, Angie Bustamante Jenkins, Sue Denton, Jenny Potter, Jill Kulas, Lynn Brown, Aimee Davenport

1:00 pm - Administration request for "The Sensory Path" - Angie Bustamante Jenkins

- Requesting \$3000 for two sensory paths for hallway to better serve kids with autism, "quirmy" kids etc. Path acts as a "reset" so kids can calmly return to the classroom.
- Approval on hold. Upcoming discussion of how surplus funds are to be managed which will determine if there is money in budget for these types of items.

1:06 pm - Approved minutes from 10/23/18

1:07 pm - Lost and Found consignment discussion - Natalie Willes

- Lisa (person running lost and found), asked that PTA discuss possibility of partnering with Hoot-N-Annie.
 - Take all lost and found to Hoot-N-Annie for resale. They will take 40% of anything that sells, remaining money comes back to Ainsworth. Any items that don't sell, or that they don't take to consign, goes to Clothing Closet. Additionally, any other items shop cannot sell will additionally be donated to Clothing Closet.
- Clothing Closet has clearly indicated on a number of occasions and to multiple Ainsworth representatives that they prefer Ainsworth continue to donate to them directly as it provides excellent coats, jackets and sweatshirts to children in need.
- PTA unanimously voted to continue with current system of donating all lost and found items directly to the Clothing Closet.
- *Natalie to follow up with Lisa and communicate the final decision*

1:20 pm Communications Jenny Potter

- November News and Notes will promote Holiday home tour, wreaths, community outreach and thanksgiving,
- Lynn Brown will do the sign in front of the school to include days off, home tour, conferences

1:25 pm - Garden tour lead/volunteer needs/lunch silverware launch - Jill Kulas

- Garden Tour, scheduled June 2
 - 2 gardens plus a lead secured, but still no chair.
 - Potential revenue of \$2300 plus ad sales
 - *Jill and Natalie will work with Noah to send out a dedicated email outlining need for this role. If still no response, event will be cancelled.*
- Open Board positions
 - Volunteer coordinator

- Staff hospitality/Communications
- President
- Holiday home tour - need volunteer coordinator, bookkeeping,
- Cafeteria Silverware
 - Need parents to sign up for a two week period to volunteer in lunch room and make sure kids don't throw silverware away.
 - *Jill will coordinate with room parents so that there is not duplication with the K-1st lunchroom sign ups.*

1:30 pm - Holiday Home Tour update - Lynn

- Have 4 homes - 1 vista, 2 montgomery, 1 council crest mid century modern
- 75 tix sold so far - more than in past years
- Street signs are posting 11/7/2018
- Have to sell 2 more ads - \$675 each in two inseam slots (premium)

1:45 pm - Buckaroo update - Aimee Davenport

- Aimee volunteered to chair for the next two years.
- 2018 made about \$5500
- Consider 9/27 and 10/04 for 2019. Will attempt to coordinate with Lincoln Homecoming. Will finalize in April.
- Changes to next year:
 - Increase in ticket prices from \$20 to \$25. First change in 8 years.
 - Use pre-recorded music and PA system instead of a band to save around \$1000.
 - Organize costs for cash payments so that parents don't use the kids scrips
 - Make "buck-a-roos" that kids can earn through good behavior to use for pre-sale items.
 - Give volunteers the job of asking unattended, disruptive middle-school attendees to leave a game/the premises.
 - Look into more sustainable toys for the pre-sale items
 - Establish a system of tracking cash sales

2:00 pm - Misc items including dogs on campus and HHT ad availability

- No dogs on campus policy enforcement has gotten some pushback.
- *Natalie and Andrew to draft email communicate to families with dogs to pick up on Spring St.*

Next meeting date change to Tuesday 11/27/2018 at 1:00 pm in library