

PTA Minutes 7/16/20

Attendees: Vincent Digiano, Jessica Kirkland, Andrea Mukul

Budget:

- Gift cards were bought for the summer and are being distributed by Angie throughout the summer. This was done to close out the fiscal year which is in July.
- Yearbook check \$2890 was sent to close the fiscal year but they didn't cash it so will show up on next year's budget
- Received a check of \$400 from pizzicato from Eat from Ainsworth.
- Expense: Stronger together gear
- We have \$5600 revenue from the yearbooks
- A neighbor of Vince's made a \$1000 donation that the neighbor wants to go directly to the Outreach Program specifically the Hayhurst food pantry. He would like his donation to go to the SW community at large.
- Donation from class funds came in around \$700-\$900
- Vince is finishing up the accounting and Jessica Kirkland offered to complete the audit to be in compliance.
- Vince will be sending out the budget for next year and we can look at what we budgeted for versus actual expenses.
- We currently have \$97,000 in the bank. While fundraising will be challenging this year we do have a good cushion to maintain our current spending.

Buckaroo Update

- Andi spoke with Aimee Davenport who has organized Buckaroo for 5yrs. Amy says that she can put it together in 5-6weeks if necessary. We need to decide by September 1st to have it or not.
- We really don't see how Buckaroo can happen. Can we do it in sessions by class? Small groups? Can you sanitize bouncy houses every 30min? Every option doesn't seem feasible during this time especially with COVID numbers going up.
- Would it be more productive to cancel and concentrate our efforts on ways to connect the community and virtual fundraisers?
- Aimee has stated that if Buckaroo doesn't happen she is willing to come back next year (she has a 5th grader this year) and help to make the transition smooth for Kathleen who was planning on co-chairing this year.

Community Outreach

- Hayhurst food bank update:
 - Hayhurst food pantry budget is around \$7,000 (with Ainsworth PTA donating \$3000) and about \$5000 from a program called Blessing in a backpack.
 - Hayhurst cancelled their fundraiser at the end of the school year due to COVID19. Therefore they will be low on funding and already don't have the funding that Ainsworth does.

- Bags of food average about \$500 per kid. Ainsworth pays \$300 per bag at this time.
- The food pantry was run out of a parent's home when the schools closed and there are still some logistics that will need to be figured out but it will be happening.
- Gift Card program was amazing and also a gray area. To be equitable with our mission of supporting all children, the belief is that we should focus the funds on going to the food bank that benefits around 50 families. (This number will fluctuate. There will probably be an increase in needs.) This can be fully discussed when we have quorum.

Funding Request

- There was a request via our school nurse to help purchase a new cot.
- Here is her request along with the link of the cot that she is requesting. I have bolded the reason for the request.

Here is the link:

https://www.schoolnursesupplyinc.com/Adjustable-Head-Rest_c_5304.html

This vinyl recovery couch costs **\$1195.00** which includes shipping. The company has been in business over 20 years and apparently guarantees it's products.

I spoke with salesman Craig Hunter: chunter@schoolnursesupply.com

The delivery time is about 4 weeks.

This is an option for you to consider asking the PTA to fund. It would be a great improvement over the current cloth cot which is impossible to sanitize after student use. Many of the schools I serve have such recovery couches.

- When we look at the budget there are several areas that we don't spend the money that we have budgeted for.
- Vince will add this item in as a line item in the budget and can be voted on when we have quorum.
- I personally (Andi) believe that while this seems like an item that PPS should be purchasing it is one way that we can help maintain CDC guidelines and be helpful in getting our students back into the classroom.

Staying Connected

- Co-presidents are meeting with Andrea Tomlin to discuss ways to improve communication, the room parent role, what needs to be re-visioned and how we can do it.
- Barriers to communication is the inability to get the release of personal information. How can we do this?
- Sending out a reminder that opting out of the directory will make it harder for families to connect. You can decide how much information you want to be available in the directory.
- Room parent role vs having a cohort coordinator?

- Andi is looking into a website called Memberhub. It would be a centralized location for communication, store front, PTA business, and fundraising. We currently use square which charges 2.9%. Memberhub uses Stripe which charges 2.2% + 0.30 but then the website also charges 3.5% + 0.50 as a memberhub fee. Vince did some quick math and thinks it would increase our payment by \$400. Andi will continue to do research to determine if this would be good use for the PTA.
- Andrea Tomlin is looking into other websites that might do the same thing but not cost.

Action Items Next meeting:

- **August 20th 9am**
- **Need Quorum to vote on Budget 2020-2021**
- **Before next meeting need to have a meeting with Vince and Andrew to determine what the administration needs from a budget standpoint.**
- **Set date and times for PTA meetings. Request was made to offer a variety of times to be more inclusive and available. Maybe doing one during the day that is more executive business driven and then another one available in the evenings.**