

Present at meeting via Zoom: Andi Mukul, Jen Rollins, Lynn Brown, Simone Goldfeder, Rebecca Hildreth, Marisa McLaughlin, Vince DiGiano, Jessica Kirkland, Natalie Willes, Sue Denton, Tracy Suzuki, Angie Bustamante-Jenkins, William Johnson

- Quorum reached

Election of State Convention Delegates

All Members

- Natalie Willes, Vince DiGiano, Jen Rollins, Andi Mukul, and Simone Goldfeder volunteered. PTA voted to have these 5 go to the State Convention as Ainsworth Delegates.

Treasurer's Report

Vincent DiGiano

- Expenses this month include outreach costs and teacher grant reimbursements still coming in.
- No other expense anticipated other than outreach gift cards and outreach needs for the rest of the year.

Discussion of Alternatives to Home Tour

Lynn Brown

- Not sure if Ainsworth Home Tour can happen in same way this year. Buckaroo affected too if social distancing guidance in place.
- How will PTA fund-raising be impacted in general if fund-raising events for Ainsworth cannot move forward, etc.?
 - Annual operating budget is \$35k and have \$100k in reserves currently
 - Possibly just ask families for money this year with an ask per kid, and explaining to families that this year things look different and can't move forward with major fund-raisers
 - Need to be transparent about PTA budget, what money is going towards to, what money PTA will save if not a "normal" year.
 - Possibility for Garden Tour in spring 2021?
- Still do not know social distancing guidance yet and what next school year will look like. PTA will make final decisions around this in 2 – 3 months when PTA knows more about social distancing guideline, actual Ainsworth school needs, etc. Future Action: PTA will make final fund-raising decisions before beginning of the school year.
- Administration: Important to find new and different ways to connect with the community and engaging with kids with social distancing in play (e.g. scavenger hunts for kids, etc). Continue to have community-based events as much as possible, PTA just won't charge for them. And when it becomes possible, have large free community events. Make it clear to community that this is what PTA will do.

Discussion of Alternatives to Run for Arts

Lynn Brown

- Lynn received email from coordinator for Run for Arts came in asking about fund-raising and doing something for Run for Arts fundraising (e.g. run in place for an hour, read a book, walk up and down sidewalk in neighborhood, dance for an hour, etc and have amounts count per lap)
- Very hard to ask people for \$ in this current environment. But if it can be community building activity without the emphasis on fund-raising, and maybe just donate a flat amount from PTA budget.
- Andrew/Angie: Because not using Run for Arts funds for rest of year, \$15k will roll over to Ainsworth
- Action: Lynn will follow up w Run for Arts coordinator around: Does the fundraising \$ get pooled and go to other schools? Are they counting on \$ from Ainsworth and other schools? What's the total Ainsworth usually generates and shortfall this year taking into account the roll-over of funds?
- PTA will make decision when know more.

Transition of Room Parent Coordinator

Sue Denton

- Lots of Room Parent are asking if they can send a message to classroom parents or if they can organize online activities, reading groups, etc. for their classrooms. What are room parents allowed or not allowed to send or organize for classroom or should they close out their duties for the rest of year?
- Angie/Andrew: If room parents want to connect to the classroom, they should connect through the teachers to see what can be started up per classroom. If it is activities not connected to the “classroom/school” (e.g. kids birthday party, etc.), then parents can organize however they want, etc. If individual parents/kids decide to do their own thing re:Zoom using the parent directory to socially connect with others, school can’t stop them from doing this, but please not in their “room parent” capacity.
- Sue would like concrete room parent guidance from the school administration on what’s allowed and not allowed (e.g. Zoom, etc) to send out.
- What is the financial guidance for room parents on the rest of classroom funds? Discussion:
 - We should still do teacher appreciation week.
 - Close out classroom accounts after any outstanding reimbursements and send rest of funds to PTA to be able to divvy up funds and send gifts/flowers to teachers.
 - Can we use remaining classroom funds rolled into PTA budget to be carried forward into next year and say that it will counterbalance fundraising next year?
 - No PTA byline currently for teacher gifts.
 - Can we send them an Amazon/e-gift card via emails along with a personal, affirming message from the class?
 - Action: Jessica will continue to be point person with communications to room parents about individual parents/students continuing teacher appreciation next month to make sure activities still happen for teachers (e.g. Monday, send your teacher thoughtful email, etc.).
- What about the class funds collected for 5th grade promotion for 5th grade class?
 - Let’s hold on to promotion funds for the 5th grade promotion funds so that the 5th grade class can continue to have something to celebrate their promotion when they can. PTA can earmark and hold it for the 5th grade class.
 - Let’s send out general communication around 5th grade promotion that some kind of get together will happen as social distancing allows. Action: Lynn will take ownership of communication.
- Are teachers getting the resources they need to get distance learning up and running? Should PTA also be supporting this? Can classroom funds be used for this?
 - Angie: Specific teacher needs that have come up, but not all teachers need the same thing.
- Final decision around classroom funds? PTA decision around classroom funds, rules/guidance, and teacher appreciation need to happen in next 10 days. Action: PTA will have another meeting in 1 week to make decisions around classroom funds.

Outreach Updates

Andi Mukul

- Food bags still going out every other week through Angie picking the food bags up and delivering to 12 families. Gift cards are still going out too. Counselors should be responsible for reaching out and see if there are additional families that need anything
 - Simone can make masks that can also be added to the food bag
 - Action: PTA should send out one more community communications/reach out for funds and if any other donations are available for outreach families, such as face masks, etc.

Next PTA Meeting: May 14, 2020 1:00 pm