

Board Members: Matt Liston, President; Cheri Shoup, President-Elect; Deb Corrao, Treasurer; Joy Neville, Secretary

Welcome and call to order at 6:35 pm.

Introductions: Board members and meeting attendees.

Review of September meeting: Minutes from the September meeting will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Principal's Report: Dr. Chaussee presented a video from the Superintendent about the updated budget. The West Farm Development: All the houses south of Pacific would go to Harvey Oaks and North of Pacific would go to Cottonwood Elementary. November 19th External visitation. They will go to three high schools and two middle schools. We are looking for a group of four to six parents on the school improvement team for 30 minutes with the Nebraska Department of Education to discuss site planning. Discussion about Grace Abbott and how parents feel about how we are maintaining our site plan and what improvements can be made. They will meet with 4th and 5th graders and two sets of teachers.

Treasurer's Report: We adjusted the budget based on last meeting. Increased the crossing guard budget, babysitting, and youth frontiers.

Secretary Report: Committee Turnover reports; Ashley had sent out an email that they were due April 29th. Shelly will be sending out a new room reservation form to the committee chairs.

Committee Updates:

- **Movie Nights (Maureen Kitchen)**
 - Friday, October 5th. Doors will open at 6:30 Movie to start around 6:45. The movie is Peter Rabbit.
- **Youth Frontiers (Ashley Liston, Matt Liston):** Currently 6 volunteers and in need of more. If we don't have enough volunteers, then Youth Frontiers will not come.
- **Walk-A-Thon (Erika Rooney):** \$16,357.46 was raised before expenses. We don't know the prices of Kona Ice or the Pizza party. Ms. Georgesen -first, Mrs. Hale- second, and Mrs. Poljanac-third. The prizes will go out on Friday.
- **Fifth Grade Farewell (Julie Shaner) No update**
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- **Yearbook (Jamie Diamond)**
 - The committee met for the first time. They selected the cover and have about 215 orders which is ahead of last year.
- **Cash Rewards/Incentive Programs (Robin Mattes)**
 - Hy-vee receipts.
 - The winter competition will start in November.
 - Dr. Chaussee asked about the box for receipts. It was passed onto a manager at Hy-vee.
- **Social/Welcome Committee (Liz Guinn)**
 - No report.
- **Bricks (front entry):** We have one order for a brick. We will wait to put in an order till we get about 10. The deadline for bricks is Friday, October 5th.
- **Buzz Book(Laura Hensley, Jaime Diamond):** The online book is open! Everyone who's paid minus any still up at school should have online access. I will get those order forms on Friday, which, by the way is the last day to order. Get those in ASAP! So far, we've sold 136, which is about what we did last year. We are going through and working on the paper copy next, but it should be out within the next few weeks.

- **Fun night (Cara Robbins):** The first one is tonight for first graders. They are playing left center right. The next one is October 30th for second and third graders.
- **Dancing Classrooms.** November 19th at the Omaha Community Playhouse there will be a competition with other schools. The students are enjoying the class and look forward to Tuesdays and Thursday morning. Some students from last year are taking classes.
- **Original artwork (Debbie Smith):** No report.
- **Classroom Party Volunteer Coordinator (Carri Dyer):** Need a parent chair for a second grade classroom.
- **Hospitality (Erin Barry and Stephanie Ludwig):** An email was sent to the hospitality committee members. We have about half of the spots filled. We changed the menu a little bit after some feedback from some teachers. We will communicate that to the teachers. We are also doing some changes to teacher appreciation day. We will be doing the \$25 Target gift cards again this year. Mr. Langer expressed his appreciation to the hospitality committee for all they do. Pizza night is being replaced with Famous Daves. The motion was made to increase the budget by \$1,000 by Cari Dyer for this year. Motion was approved.
- **Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition Committee (Carri Dyer, Cara Robbins):**
- **Educational Grant and Scholarship Committee:(Carri Dyer)** No update.

Announcements:

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New Business:

- The goal for tonight to come up with questions for the CFO. We have allotted \$42,00 to \$43,000 for the track. He is willing to come meet with us. We would like to come up with some questions in advance to be prepared for the meeting. Any additional questions can be emailed to Dr. Chaussee.
 - What is the difference between the walking track or a new score board not paid for by the district? There are two stumbling blocks are maintenance and the perception that we asked the tax payers to approve the bond what would people think with the district low on money.
 - PTO's change and in five years they may not want to repair the track or that the PTO will be around in years to come.
 - Teacher suggestions:
 - Outside: Recycled tires/rubber mat for playground, Update playground/area around, Turf field, GaGa ball pit
 - Visual/Audio: Ceiling mounted projectors, update intercom, Classroom voice system, Update gym sound system (wireless mic)
 - Office/Common Areas: Teachers' lounge update with ice machine/cozy relaxing area, renovate to connect front door and office area for safety, more water fountains.
 - Classroom: Classroom desks/standing desks, One field trip per classroom, blinds between classrooms
 - Other: Author talk/books
 - Questions for the CFO:

- Is there anything we can do to move forward with the walking track?

Adjournment: 7:40 pm

Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 6th