

Beechwood PTSA Meeting - September 9, 2014

Tuesday, September 09, 2014
6:57 PM

Members Present: Katie Hamm (President), Marsha Parke (VP), Ann Randolph (Treasurer), Kristy Huljak (Secretary), Dr. Hutton, Principal Baker, Principal Ayers

Agenda Items Discussed:

1. Introductions
2. Budget Review
 - a. Two biggest revenue items - 5K and Santafest
 - b. Membership is down, encouraged Ms. Baker, Ms. Ayers and Dr. Hutton to reinforce the benefits of teachers joining (\$35 reimbursement for supplies) in their next staff meetings.
3. Budgeted amount for gifts
 - a. Asked for input/ideas for the school donation for this year. There is \$4,000 budgeted for this year's gift. Examples of recent donations were the poster maker, the new outdoor basketball hoop and tree trimming on the East side of the school lot.
4. Programs/Events
 - a. Reviewed some of the programs coming up this Fall. Some Fall events need to be scheduled (Cultural Arts and COSI).
 - b. Communicate with Joetta if we need access or special provisions for events. Check the use of facilities form as there may be a way to request special provisions.
 - c. Discussed ideas to improve attendance for some of the activities: Mother/daughter HS and Father/daughter HS and Jr. High dances.
 - d. Graduation reception - discussed getting clear guidelines on food we can offer that still provides a nice, quality event for the graduates and families. We will look for supply bakeries or grocers that can provide the traditional petit fours that are nut/allergy free.
 - e. Parent/teacher conference - any food for these must come from donations. The school cannot provide food for any events/meetings.
 - f. Tiger trail - submissions are down vs. this time last year. We will send hard copies home this week with students. We will also use the "all call" to gain interest yet this week. For next year, consider moving away from Homecoming weekend as the weekend is already heavily booked for students and families.
 - g. Agreed to do the bullying speaker again this year and split the cost between the PTSA and the school. Additional book studies encouraged for parents to do with their children. Book example: My Secret Bully.
 - h. Discussed idea of getting a speaker or program for internet and social media safety. There are available programs through local organizations and Children's Hospital. All agreed this would be a very beneficial program for the students and families.
 - i. Other ideas for new programs/events: Math Night (similar to Science Night), Family Game Night, Healthy Eating demonstration, Farmers Market in the school lot in the summer.
 - j. Other fundraisers in development: Skyline night, City BBQ and Ameristop. Sally Ware keeps a list of all the fundraising events.
5. Open Chair Positions
 - a. There are a few remaining positions to be filled this year.
 - b. Ideas to get open positions filled - link in with school clubs/organizations. Example, Father/daughter event co-sponsored by the PTSA and the French club.
6. Santafest update
 - a. All committee positions filled and meeting of all committee leaders tomorrow night to kick off event planning activities.
 - b. Event planned with just a couple of minor changes this year, including a turkey raffle.

7. Expectations of the PTSA
 - a. Communication - prefer email for basic questions and face to face for bigger items
 - b. Newsletter communications - send directly to the principals by Wednesday. Keep communications brief or provide link or attachment if we need more detailed information provided.
8. Membership documentation due for submission by Sept 15.
9. Minutes
 - a. Kristy Huljak submitted the minutes for the September meeting
 - b. The minutes were approved and will be provided to Joetta Browning for inclusion on the PTSA webpage.