

**Date:** January 19, 2016

**Attendees:** Karen Higgins, Regina Juan, Shari Johnston, Kristen Bulleri, Deborah Fields, Melissa Graham, Beth Rasmussen, Sylvia Guzman, Alyssa Garshol, Danielle Hayes, Bridgett Summerfeldt,

## **Agenda**

1. Opening
2. Reports
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Committees

### 1. Opening

- Meeting was called to order by Danielle Hayes at 7:06pm
- Shari Johnston asked for an amendment to the minutes. Change the Math Festival amount from \$3284 to \$3784. Change Golden Gate Ribbon to Golden Ribbon Award (1200 applications. Will see if we qualify for a visit.)
- **Beth Rasmussen moved to approve the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Kristen Bulleri. All voted in favor. Motion passed.**

### 2. Reports

- Principal Report (Shari Johnston)
  - Math night very successful – approximately 144 Jackson Avenue students attended the family night. Students came throughout out the school day with additional help from Livermore High AP students. Mrs. Johnston noted the family night event was well attended. Thankful for the PTO contribution.
  - On MLK Day, Hands on Bay Area with sponsorship from Kaiser sent approximately 40-50 volunteers come to Jackson Avenue and they clocked in 9000 volunteer hours. They did various jobs around the school including garden clean up, cleaning of the library; revamped parent center; canvas murals for multi-purpose room (4 painted – 6 total sketched out); painted folding chairs; put together math kits; some classroom help for Kindergarten teachers. Money donated from Kaiser to help with the projects. Mrs. Johnston noted her appreciation for the organization as well as to Melissa Graham and Teresa Chan who helped coordinate garden and library clean up. Kristen Bulleri asked how the PTO can show their appreciation. The group brainstormed ideas - one was a thank you note with pictures of people using the items they worked on. Melissa will take pictures of garden being used to share.
- Teacher Report (Regina Juan)
  - Thank you from the teachers for financing the math festival. They enjoyed watching their students and other students at the various hands on activities.

- Thank you for pizza
- Read-a-Thon banner piqued interest – banner was great
- Math signs are clever – advertising is great. Clever and colorful. Students get engaged and notice.
- Treasurer's Report (Danielle Hayes)
  - Income is coming in better than anticipated
  - Walk-a-thon exceeded expectations
  - DJ was a hit at Walk-a-thon; will utilize and pay to have at Spring Fundraiser
  - Family Night Out has been successful – bringing in over \$1000 YTD
  - Safeway is giving money this year. Danielle will reflect in budget and project in budget.  
**Karen Higgins moved we added \$6000 to budget as income. Alyssa Garshol seconded. Motion passed.**
  - Deborah Fields offered to look into money/grants from Target and Safeway since both have stopped their giving back to schools with purchases.
  - Shari Johnston – Science Camp Update. The school will be invoiced by Feb. 1. Several fundraisers have supported Science Camp including Cookie Dough funds (\$1766) and parent donations (\$1348). The school was going to reach back out to parents and ask for an additional donation to see what they could get. If they are short, we may ask the PTO to help. An email follow up and vote will be asked for if needed.
  - Due to the lack of information coming home from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade on science camp, Kristen Bulleri offered to help coordinate communications for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Teachers starting to spend money. The PTO received thank yous from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade for covering various field trip costs.

### 3. Old Business

- **Family Night Out:** \$85 from Marios. Melo's TBD.
- **Walk-a-Thon: Did very well. Thanks for the coordination!**
- **Texas Roadhouse: Upped price. Not making as much. No corn. Pam to contact with further feedback.**
- **Holiday Gift Shop:** Marked up by 10%, sold 75% of merchandise. Over \$4500. PTO discussed potential of gift shop to contribute as a fundraiser instead of just a "School event". Agreement by the PTO that the opportunity exists to raise prices. Table to next year and discuss.
- **Shade: Approved by Board of Education for solar. Parking lot will be covered. There is also potential for solar shade to be put in by the district in front of the science building.**

### 4. New Business

- **Read-A-Thon:** Deborah Fields shared the Read-A-Thon contest details. All money donated will help students get credit at the Book Fair. All money goes to the library and all donations are 100% tax deductible. Plan is to purchase more Common Core Non Fiction books.
- **Movie Night:** Proposing for March. Will be a social, PTO sponsored even. No date set yet. Will try to coordinate movie night with Texas Roadhouse.

### 5. Committees

BoxTops – Feb 12 – asking for collection. Received check

- Garden – back up and running. Now have water. Plans to paint and get ready for Spring.
- Spring Fundraiser: Planning meeting Feb 11.
- Book Fair Feb 22-25. Volunteers needed. Online volunteer form.
- Young Rembrandts: Feb 22-April 18

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.