

## Minutes General Meeting 11/15/17

Attendees: Jeena Williams, Chris Quiroz, Declan Costelloe, Kim Johnson, Christine Dempsey, Cora Rice, Keila M. Carrion Trinidad, Cindy Jones, Deb Schein

1) Welcome and introductions

2) Minutes from October's General meeting approved by consensus

3) Principal's report: The most pressing need from the PTA is funding improvements to the area between the building and 'cottages'. Perhaps a covered walkway and landscaping- maybe a canvas/ sailshade. Do we have any families with landscaping business or similar?

A few more Chromebooks might be needed.

Anita Claussen passed on her thanks for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to see The Breadwinner in Denver in December.

Choice enrollment is open for 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Forms need to be dropped off in person. Siblings will have priority, followed by lottery, to be announced Feb 1 on the website.

PE uniforms for next year are planned by Mark Beatty's request.

4) President's report:

The PTA sent cake to the staff in advance of the holiday season.

5) Chili Cook-off:

The Chili Cook-off/ Silent Auction was well-attended and well put-together. Thanks to Clare Cantwell for a fun and successful social event.

6) Nominating Committee:

3 people are needed to be on the committee. The nominating committee will suggest one person for the 3 board positions. Declan invited the members in attendance to consider the position. Kim added that it would be great if we could pin down committee chairs before the end of the year as well. The board is responsible for finding and naming the committee.

7) Scholarship Committee:

A chair is needed to find and award 2 scholarships to Manning alumni. The criteria are already posted. The committee will reach out to counselor's offices to get the word out and get people to apply. January to April is the primary window. 3 people on the committee will evaluate and choose the winner. Cora Rice volunteered to be the chair. Deb Schein volunteered to help.

8) Committee Reports:

Reflections- Kazan Clark gave a report by phone. She detailed the judging process, noting that the Jeffco Library Board enjoyed judging written entries. Winning entries advance to the regional PTA contest, and those winners will go to the national contest. Kazan suggested that the school recognize the contestants in some way. She added that whomever takes this role should begin at the beginning of the school year, perhaps with help from English and Art teachers, which would be a great addition to Manning and its focus on the arts. She spoke favorably of Reflections and thinks it could be expanded. Declan offered his thanks to Kazan for doing a terrific job. He asked her to take some notes for future use, though she would like to be involved if she is here next year.

Battle of the Books- Karen Edoff via Christine gave a report. Prizes, snacks and food will be bought for the event.

Robotics- The team has advanced to the regional competition in December.

Talent Show- Shauna Fritzler will begin working on details soon. The Talent Show is at the end of January. Programs will be needed.

9) Treasurer's report- The Chili cookoff and Silent auction surpassed our goals. A live auction would be great for top items in the future. A drawing for other items would be great. Space will need to be considered for next year.

The taxes for 2016/17 have been done.

#### 11) Other Business:

Jeena has a Principal's council which represents students of all social groups. They voiced a lack of cohesion because of their short time here. Other issues discussed were a lack of a mascot and bullying.

They are putting together a marketing campaign- more details to come.

Sources of Strength is an anti-bullying campaign which will be implemented.

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