

Friends of Weaver

Minutes for September 10, 2018

Present:

Francie Ghose, Cindy Lee, Dr. Briggerman, Kelly Das, Abby Harris, Ruth Ann Kurkjan, Rosie Nguyen, Jackie Skeris,

1. President's Report – Francie Ghose

- a. Informal Discussion – Halloween event at Old Rach for adults only. Maybe doing it on October 27th from 8pm to midnight and charging \$ for tickets to raise money for FOW.
- b. Volunteer Lists – PTA put together lists of individuals willing to volunteer in various capacities. Francie has the lists. Abby will put these on google docs.

2. Principal's Report – Dr. Briggerman

- a. Media Center Update
 - i. New Aide – Brand new instructional aide supporting new curriculum, working with Mrs. Epps and working on getting to the Project Lead the Way units faster than we did last year. Eventually, Dr. B. would like to schedule to have 2 classes at once.
 - ii. Mrs. Epps is funded 11% by the district so she is required to cover other functions and thus kindergarteners can only go to the media center every other week instead of every week. FOW would like to look at forward funding to reduce the cost.
 - iii. Addition Equipment – Quote for \$15,000 for two screens and connectivity and waiting on a second quote. RuthAnn said that she and Vicky would sit down with Dr. B to discuss using some of the PTA excess budget to cover the equipment.
- b. Chromebooks:
 - i. Brand new teacher teaching 5th grade and has no devices except for IPADs. She is not doing BYOD because it has not been phased up to 5th grade yet. The 5th grade had been using Del Books and three sets were purchased prior to Dr. B. Chromebooks are much more affordable and Dr. B would like to have FOW purchase a set of Chromebooks for the 5th grade classroom. Dr. B needs about 32 chromebooks which would be an estimated total of \$11,200.00

3. Secretary's Report – Abby Harris

- a. *Action* - Minutes Approved From June 4, 2018

4. Treasurer's Report – Rosie Nguyen

- a. Financial Budget
 - i. Change \$4,850.00 to \$19,129.40 for PLTW and change \$5,065.00 to \$5,352.71 for Employer Contribution .
 - ii. We maintained the Whalemail fee because an error occurred where a parent was being charged on their credit card.
 - iii. Need to have Farmers and Merchant audit some of the deposits.
 - iv. As the end of August, cash in hand, is \$109,636.20 and today it is \$109,623.12

- v. Rosie got the contract from the accounting firm for tax return and there are a few changes that they applied including the fee which will change from \$400 to \$500 to \$175 if income is less than \$50k and \$400 if income is under \$200k, and increases to over 1k if we make more than \$400k.
 - vi. Proposing to use Quikbook to track and monitor contributions but Francie mentioned that the accounting firm might be able to help us with that or have some system that they might use. Rosie will get an estimate of the cost of the quickbooks.
- b. LAEF donation to offset cost of STEAM teacher should be \$10,000.00 this year and was \$7,500 last year.

5. Financial Treasurer's Report – Cindy Lee

- a. OnceCause/Bid Pal – 10:30am meeting and presentation today 9/10/18. Jackie and RuthAnn will attend it. The biggest concern is to get into the integration and data transfer questions. The license we have for Bidding for Good expires in December.
- b. Receipts for Company Matching
- c. Seal Beach Holiday Parade
 - i. No information posted yet. Dr. B suggested contacting Karen Russell (krussell@losal.org).

6. Vice President's Report – Jackie Skeris

- a. Mission and Goal for WGH
 - i. We want to be very clear about what we are asking money for. Making and promoting video is a priority. We need a mission video of what FOW does.
 - ii. We need to create a mission statement as a board including more specifics about STEAM programs.
- b. WGH Business Committee/Volunteer kickoff
 - i. May want to start with the next generation science standards and how FOW can make this a world class experience for the students.
 - ii. Need a breakdown of donors and reaching out to individuals. We need to be able to show what our plans are for future (TOSA – Morgan Martin for the district who has a student in TK at Weaver, and Next Gen Standards). Jackie will work on setting up a meeting with Mrs. Martin, Ruth Ann, and Francie.
 - iii. There should be a mission meeting and a business committee meeting before the next meeting on October 15th.
 - iv. LAEF Board has a friendship circle that has a minimum giving level and if individuals donate the minimum prior to December 31st, they will be considered a founding member of the group.
 - v. We want our requests for donations to go through the business committee
 - 1. Suggestion to participate in a special wine and cheese event if giving a minimum level at Weaver Goes Gatsby.

7. Weaver Goes Gatsby Chair

8. Subcommittee Reports

a. Classroom STEAM Education – Laura Hall

- i. Raspberry Pi

1. Gathering information from Mrs. French and parent emails including a list of parent volunteers with experience in Raspberry Pi. The goal is to make the program more similar to Meet the Masters to create more defined lesson plans that are consistent across teachers and classrooms.
 - a. Would like to offer a short training for the tech savvy parents who are going to volunteer to deliver the lessons which should not be more than an hour long and prep/set up would take place during morning run or activities, and then take place every other week. There would also be a longer training session that would be offered to parents who are less tech savvy. The plan is to start in early October using some of last year's classes and then turning it over to new material at the beginning of the year.
 - b. Need some money for multi-colored LED screens \$9 for 100, displays for about \$70 per display and need about 2, motion detectors \$36 for a set, and would like to ask parents to donate speakers with audio or USB jacks. Will also need a couple of extension chords (around \$30 per chord). Asking for about a total of \$250 right now.
- ii. Lego Wedo
 1. The Wedo's are already purchased. Working on having some of the media teachers do some instruction. These would apply to 1st through 4th graders whereas Raspberry Pi applies to 5th grade.
 2. There are 20 canned lessons. The kids get pieces and build something according to a particular science/engineering lesson. Might be more applicable to start the first few lessons at the end of first grade.
- iii. Motions
 1. *Motion to change the Miscellaneous Expenses (Steam nights) to Steam in Classroom. Motion approved to change.*
 2. *Motion Moved for Laura to be approved to not exceed a budget of \$250.00*
 3. Cindy will make sure that Laura has access to the Google Docs and Drives
- b. Mom's Night – Melanie Botello might be willing to help with succulents
 - i. Happy Hour at Mama;s September 21st at 7pm
 1. Jackie will follow up with Aggie to make sure that it is being advertised more.
 - ii. Yoga and Brunch
 1. Late October – possibly in someone's backyard (maybe Vicky Vu)
 - iii. Holiday
 1. Need to talk to Melanie about doing succulents
 2. Holiday Bazaar through Mom's group that Aggie is organizing.
- c. Family Fun Nights
 - i. Islands Tuesday September 18, 4pm to close

- ii. California Pizza Kitchen October 16th and 17th 11:00am to 9:30pm
- iii. Islands November 13th 4pm to close
- iv. Looking into Mama's for tip the teacher
- d. SCRIP –
 - i. Unsure of date for next order. Tracy Harrison currently working on it.

9. Development Director's Report

- a. Kelly will follow up on a contribution matching issue through Disney.
- b. Discussing making a video to show what the donations are being used to fund. Ruth Ann said that they would also like to do something similar for Weaver Goes Gatsby so they will talk to Brian Maris about doing it.

10. Other Business

11. Adjourn to next meeting on FOW/PTA Meeting Monday, October 15