

The meeting began at 5:40pm.

Agenda items:

Treasurer Report - Susan, current position is backup Secretary, filled in for Kellie, Treasurer. Kellie gave us a detailed report with the checks that have been written and for what; the balance of the General Fund for the PTO, \$741.84, this is what we have to work with; the balance for the Butter Braids (per Principal and new District Policy - this money has to be used for direct student benefit not on teachers), \$1,412.40; and the total in the account, \$2,154.24. No expenditures were collected for reimbursement.

Secretary Position – There was some discussion about Dave’s email informing PTO that he has to step down from being Secretary. Dave intends to attend the meetings when he can. Susan is having a hard time doing all the duties of the Secretary and everything else she’s doing. Sara said she’d be willing to do it, but can’t devote all the time Susan has been. Eric suggested the 2 of them being Co-Secretaries. Dave will be at the Oct. 3rd meeting. He wants to be involved in the replacement process. It was decided that a vote should be tabled until the next meeting.

Updates

1. Barnes & Noble Bookfair, Oc. 19th
 - a. Still working on the schedule. When completed will email to everyone.
 - b. Kellie made the flyer. Updates it as needed.
 - c. Cheryl Graves from Barnes & Noble will attend the Oct. 3rd meeting.
 - d. When it gets closer to the 19th Cheryl will give me the contact information for advertising this in the Bulletin & Sun-News. Will also get this flyer out electronically to the Principals of our feeder schools: Conlee, Hermosa Heights & Valley View.
2. Sonic Spirit Night, Sept. 11th, 5-8pm, 3471 Foothills Rd.
 - a. Working now on getting the word out by various means – Synergy, emails, radio stations service announcements & flyers.
 - b. Lizzie has volunteered to make posters for decorating the store. Our other Spirit Nights are Nov. 14th, Jan. 16th & March 11th.
 - c. William asked if these Sonics were franchises or not? We need to find out for sure. He was saying that if they’re franchises then we can ask all of them for donations & Spirit Nights if we wanted to. That what Donna, Marketing Rep., contact at the Foothills location told us only applies if one person owns all the Sonics.
3. Bylaws – Eric & Elizabeth will get together to edit what Susan worked on & submitted. These will be finalized soon.
4. Box Tops
 - a. Sara & Susan for the time being are working on this committee. Sara is willing to take it over later in the year.
 - b. Sara’s viewed the video of the new program.
 - c. Mrs. Ballard approved the Box Tops for the PTO.
5. Price’s Give EM Five
 - a. Sara & Susan for the time being are working on this committee. Sara is willing to take it over later in the year.
 - b. Finally got to speak with someone at Price’s Creameries in El Paso, Irene Castello (Castillo?). They’re doing away with the current program. Will accept caps through Nov. 30th. She

- suggested we collect what we have. Give her a call and she'll pick them up. If she's given enough notice she can bring a check with her. Checks take 2 weeks to process. Then collect from the rest of the school. They'll rollout the new program in 2021.
- c. Mrs. Ballard approved this for the PTO.
6. Electronic Marguee Sign
 - a. Sylvia has been working on. Met someone at the NAACP Town Hall Meeting who put Sylvia in touch with someone at the City since a lot of events here at the school involve the City. Would be nice to be able to advertise those things.
 - b. Last school year Sylvia had been talking with Citizens about this. We were put on the list, but that's a very long waiting list since everyone goes through them.

Items not on the Agenda:

1. Susan brought up that she saw a post on a neighborhood website, Nextdoor, that Onate RKR Band was doing a raffle for a shed. Sent off a message to the person who did the post because last year the Magnet programs were told they couldn't do raffles anymore; considered gambling. Sylvia said probably being done by a Booster and they can do certain things schools can't.
2. Frank, Autism Support Group update: They meet on Saturday, 10am-12pm, in the Parent Room, Room #. He's been in contact with NM Speaks, NM.org, and Parents Reaching Out.
3. William asked if we are a 501(c)(3). We need to seriously work on getting that. Once we do that then William has volunteered to be our letter writing to businesses, doctors & lawyers asking for donations. These people won't donate if they can't take it as a tax write-off.
4. William also has a fundraiser idea his son's school did in Florida. Local businesses brought banners advertising their business to the school and rented space on fences in front of the school or around football & baseball fields.
5. Mrs. Ballard talked about:
 - a. Since Dr. Ewing quit, we've had Dr. Sanchez, for a short period of time, as the Interim Superintendent. Dr. Karen Trujillo is now the Interim Superintendent until the end of the year.
 - b. Starting Sept. 13th we have a new librarian, Lydia Kelley.
 - c. School Bond election Nov. 5th. It's a 10 million dollar bond that will include money for such things for the Music Departments: band instrument replacements, band shirts or uniforms, sheet music for all the departments, etc.
 - d. Community Schools Advisory Council (CSAC) – This meeting will be held to get input from parents and other individuals. The information gathered will help facilitate better decision making.
 - e. District is going through accreditation process – There are many plans reviewed in this process and one of them is the school's Strategic Plan. Many don't know what our Strategic Plan is. Mrs. Ballard will let people know where they can find and read it.
 - f. District Advisory Council meetings – These meetings have begun yet, but attending them is a great way to find out what is going on at the District level and gain a better understanding of LCPS.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm. Our next meeting is Oct. 3rd, 5:30-7pm, in the Parent Room, Room 208.