

## General Meeting Minutes June 3, 2014

1) **Call to Order**

8.45 a.m.

**Attendees**

Claudia Zuanich, Cheryl Thompson, Patrick Gavin, Holly DeVito, Beverly Brooks, Saraswathy L., Barbara Droher-Kline, Deanne M., Natalie Campbell, Abran Dreyfus, Alisa Dreyfus, Kindra mendall, Lisa Ball, Karen Howe-Behrooz, Molleen Barnes, Alyson Whitaker, Don Ball, Suzanne Naone, Jennifer Rampton.

2) **Welcome and Introductions**

3) **Approval of Minutes**

Deanne motioned

4) **Reports**

- i) **President (Claudia Zuanich)** - Thanks to Cheryl Thompson for co-ordinating a gift basket to be gifted to Mr.Hoxie on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and all the Board members for chipping in. Cheryl is also taking Mr.Hoxie out to lunch at his favorite restaurant.
- ii) **Vice president (natalie Campbell)** - Nothing to report.
- iii) **Superintendent (Molleen Barnes)** – Mr.Hoxie Day was fun!! Couple of updates on the Facility Upgrades. SGCC has been supporting
  - a) **Canopy near the Parking lot:** The initial bid came to \$30,000 for a permanent structure, was too expensive. The permanent structure would have to be really tall and the Fire Department, in case of an emergency, will not have easy access to the field area back there. For these reasons, a temporary structure has been built with the help of Mr.Hoxie. It serves the purpose of providing protection in the sun and rain/bad weather to children and staff. Do not know the exact amount it cost.
  - b) **Electric School Sign:** We are still getting bids on that. Considering getting an insert while keeping the original school sign structure, but is also very expensive because the companies that gave the bid consider the viability of it not working. It has been considered to get the Sign a newer face, hopefully will get to it this summer during holidays.
  - c) **Auditorium screen and projector:** The screen came in but came broken in shipment and had to be sent back. There have been thoughts of including a video camera to the projector up high so that events like Graduation can be videotaped within the school itself.
  - d) **Ball wall:** Last year we put in a \$5000 estimate and SGCC would support that, but the bids have come in at \$20,000. Want to be able to use both sides of the ball wall so that kids can play on both sides. It is going to be a concrete structure with a concrete base strong enough to support the weight of the Ball wall. We want it to last a long time, around 30-40 yrs. The exact spot of the ball wall will have to be decided. Want SGCC to contribute to the Ball wall and the school will pay the difference.
  - e) **Volleyball:** The volleyball nets have been put up in the field.

Thank you for SAW, really loved the door decorations, thanks to Bev for the hallway decoration. The personalization of the doors is very heartwarming. The Open house was successful and there was a huge turnout. Kindergarten graduation is coming up on June 10

and Hero's day on June 6, it is a big event. SGCC is helping with prepping and serving food to all children. Ice cream social will also be on June 11 and there is going to be a DJ. There are many field trips planned for the last week of school. June 12 is field day and June 13 is the last day of school (there'll be learning going on amidst all these fun activities!).

- iv) **Secretary (Saraswathy L.)** – Nothing to report.
- v) **Treasurer (Alyson Whitaker)** – Thanks to Don for writing a summary of the TDF. Time-with-Teacher Auction income was up a whopping 70%! This stole a little of the thunder from Spring Fling, but with reduced expenses (-4%), the combined income for the two events was \$15,874 (within a dollar, same as last year). For the entire school year, that brings us to net fundraising of around \$49,500 (up over 11%). To those of you who made this possible, thank you so much for all your hidden hours of planning, driving, phoning, buying, cooking and caring for fellow members, school staff and the kids. To those of us who have to try to repeat this amazing result, Yikes! The bar just keeps getting higher. The WAT brought in around \$34,000 which is \$5,000 more than in 2012. Before Alyson and Kindra joined, the avg yearly was only \$20,000. So we are ending this year with roughly \$30,000 in the bank and \$18,000 designated to be spent.
- vi) **Volunteer Coordinator (Cheryl Thompson)** – All-star volunteers were given badges – Holly DeVito and Patrick Gavin, goodbye to Holly DeVito, she'll be moving. Beverly Brooks will be getting one all-star volunteer badge as well.

## 5) Key Business

### i) Back to School Luncheon (Alyson Whitaker)

It is going to be on Aug 22, 2014. Alyson will talk to Chipotle about catering the luncheon. Natalie asked the teachers about the venue and they unanimously preferred to have the back to school luncheon on campus than outside.

### ii) Allocation of TDF(Alyson Whitaker)

Proposed to do the same as last year, Flat amount of \$300 for classroom teachers and \$200 for art, library, music etc) a total of \$4300 with an option of going up to \$5700. For new incoming teachers it will be \$700(which is on top of the \$300 adding to a total of \$1000). If any teacher leaves the new teacher who takes her place will be handed over the money from the TWT. Kindra motioned to approve and Cheryl 2nd.

### iii) Welcome Back Picnic (Karen Howe Behrooz)

It will be on 6 Sep, 2014. Karen, Deb and Jen will probably send out an email before the end of school with the details. They are considering doing ice cream floats.

### iv) Hero's Day(Cheryl Thompson)

Jooners have gone out, need some more volunteers to sign up.

### v) Walk-A-Thon(Kindra Mendall)

The date is Oct, 3,2014; the first friday of October. The theme for this year is going to be "Walk On The Wild Side". Is working with Lisa Ball on the design for the Tshirts.

## **6) Updates**

- (1) Spring Fling(Cheryl and Claudia) : Was a lot of fun and everyone came dressed to the occasion, many in Jeans and Cowboy hats and boots. \$15000 was brought in. The Golden ticket sales went very well. \$1700 is golden ticket sales.
- (2) Garden Committee (Suzanne Naone and Jennifer): Thanks to SGCC for contributing to the garden. Greenhouse has been assembled, improved walkway, got an owl home, have to find an owl so that the gophers don't spoil the crops. There's going to be a double sink in place. Received blueberry bushes and lemon tree from the nursery near the highway 680. This year each class (grades K -6 and preschool) worked on one crop/bed. Has been a very good year. Enough food to feed the entire school. Today the kids are going to be eating salad of lettuce and roasted beets, beet-chocolate cake, all the beets and lettuce grown from the garden. YAY!! We have our own compost too. 5 of the six baby silkie chicks hatched. There's going to be new co-chairs for next year, Abran and Alisa Dreyfus. Suzanne has been the longest garden chair (3 years). Jennifer is staying on for one more year. The goal is to have the entire school, including 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The budget for this year is used up and new budget doesn't come in until next year November, but need to fix two leaks in irrigation spotted today. Vote on giving an advance of \$500 from SGCC, Don motioned it and Bev 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- (3) Staff Appreciation Week (Kindra): Was a success. The hallway decoration was done by Bev with help from Saraswathy and other parent volunteers. The doors looked great. Thanks to Alyson for the luncheon. Next year suggestions to have nothing perishable, like fresh flowers, so that parents can give the volunteers the gifts ahead of time. Will try and do a simpler version and give a snack bucket for staff.
- (4) Book Fair ( Holly DeVito and Patrick Gavin): 932 books sold. The book fair brought in \$4663.

## **7) Announcements and Thank You**

Thank you cards from Ms. Campbell, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Olsen and Ms. Lindsey were read out.

## **8) Adjournment**

10.30a.m. Kindra motioned. Natalie 2<sup>nd</sup>.