

General Meeting Minutes October 7, 2014

- 1) **Call to Order** ————— 8.45 a.m. (~~Alyson Whitaker~~Claudia Zuanich)
Attendees Claudia Zuanich, Natalie Campbell, Alyson Whitaker, Cheryl Thompson, Saraswathy Lakshmiraham, Monica Hanson, Karen Howe Behrooz, Lisa Ball, Barbara Droher-Kline, Abran Dreyfus, Alisa Dreyfus, Danalynn Galvin, Christina Matthewson, Joe Torres, Cherie Francois, Urmila Padmanabhan, Sharon Morris, Bev Brooks, Molly Barnes

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2) **Welcome and Introductions**

- 3) **Approval of Minutes** Abran motioned, Natalie 2nd

4) **Reports**

- i) **President (Claudia Zuanich)** – Nothing to report
- ii) **Vice president (Natalie Campbell)** – Read out Thank you cards from Molly Barnes and Miki Whitfield.
- iii) **Superintendent (Molleen Barnes)** – The Walk-A-Thon was wonderful, a huge success. Thank you to Kindra for the WAT; it has been such a valuable event over the years. The firefighters' presence and enthusiasm was great. Kudos to all the parents and staff too. The Spirit Club's performance was amazing and the "Clifford" and "Eagle" mascots were cute. At the county wide celebration of "Teachers of the Year" awards, our Sunol Glen Art Teacher, Ms. Natalie Campbell, was honored with representing the Sunol Glen District. We are very proud of her. Her work with the children is awe-inspiring. It is not typical to have an art (or music) teacher be recognized, but this year there were a few! Thank you, Ms. Campbell. We will be recognizing Ms. Campbell at the School Board meeting on Tuesday, Oct 14th. Red Ribbon week is Oct 20th-24th.
The Halloween parade this year is on Halloween, Oct 31st at 11.30a.m. We ask that the parents line Main St to cheer students on as they parade through the town. We will need to make sure the construction work on Main St won't affect the parade.
Parent-Teacher conferences will be from Nov 17th-21st.
Please check "Moments with Molly" on the Sunol Glen website, give your feedback, and provide any ideas for topics.
- iv) **Secretary (Saraswathy L.)** – Nothing to report.
- v) **Treasurer (Alyson Whitaker)** – The big item this month was the WAT income and the current total of \$26,429 which is fantastic. In total we are expecting around \$32-33,000; there is some money that's still trickling in. It is amazing how the WAT has grown over the years. The San Francisco water district who is digging up the pipeline on Main St was one of the sponsors for the WAT. That was awesome! The participation, 82%, has more than doubled from previous years.
Other Fundraising includes Target RED Card (received \$931 last year) and eScrip (\$2k-\$3k received). Amazon smile (same purchases as what you can buy at Amazon) is another source of funds. Bev Brooks will create a summary sheet and instructions on how to sign up.

- vi) **Volunteer Coordinator (Cheryl Thompson)** – Volunteer guideline created by Teresa Donovan and Cheryl; please read through. Volunteer forms must be submitted to the school every year. TB Free verification is good for 4 years – check with Teresa if you already submitted it. Please sign- in and out when you're on campus. Do not use the children's toilet when you're volunteering on campus, children cannot use Staff toilet.
- Thanks you to Bev Brooks for designing the volunteer tree in appreciation of those parents who have volunteered on/off campus. It is in the main office hallway near the water fountain. Announcing our first group of 20hr+ volunteers (already completed more than 20 hours in the first 6 weeks of school!): Abran Dreyfus, Alisa Dreyfus, Alyson Whitaker, Cheryl Thompson, Claudia Zuanich, Danalynn Galvin, Gigi Capuzelo, Kindra Mendall, Lisa Ball, Melody Mayer, Michelle Flanagan, Natalie Campbell, Patricia Picard, Patrick Gavin, Peng Yi Lim, Saraswathy Lakshivaraham, Vivian Sam. All the 20hr+ volunteers from previous year will get a star that can be added to your lanyard. The new parents who have completed 20hr+ will get a lanyard this year. Thank you to everyone who has donated this time to the community club. If you have lost your lanyards and/or need new name tags, let Cheryl know. There are many volunteers who have completed the 2 hr+ pledge, an email will be sent out listing their names.
- A Room Parent guideline was also created. Meetings will be set up for new Room Parents discuss guidelines for setting up parties, how to set up joiners etc. First classroom party is going to be on Halloween, Oct 31.

5) Key Business

- i) Garden Committee (Abran & Alisa Dreyfus, Jennifer Rampton)
We have our second garden day this Thursday, Oct 9th. We had previously harvested potatoes and some pumpkins, so we are going to serve potato leek soup and roasted pumpkins. On the day we are going to harvest lettuce and tomato to make more salad as well as planting other plants and cleaning up the garden. It has been going great so far, lot of new volunteers at the garden and it's been fun.
- ii) Secret Santa Shop (Steph Serpa & Sharon Morris)
Have been shopping for three months, online, Amazon, etc. and putting together items for the Secret Santa Shop. Now we're getting ready to put out a flyer looking for crafters to donate items, and also talking about having a crafting day to make something cute to sell at the Secret Santa shop.
- iii) Costume Exchange
Jenny Huang chaired previous years, but she has prior commitments and we are looking for another chair. However, there is not enough space to host the costume exchange and the response has never been too overwhelming, so this year we will not be having a costume exchange. Will look into it next year.
- iv) Budget Committee (Alyson Whitaker)
Budget committee comprises of Mrs. Barnes and SGCC members – please sign up if interested. An email will be sent out to the staff, as well as committee chairs, this week asking if there are any obvious needs or ideas that they would like SGCC to fund. That's how the Ball wall, track, technology, garden etc. has come to fruition. There will be a meeting to go over the responses from the staff - most likely be next week (Oct 13-17). At the Nov SGCC meeting, the budget will be presented for voting and adoption.

v) Art Cards (Natalie Campbell)

Will get into more detail about this next month. However, volunteers needed to fold cards in half for the art cards. 4 packs were distributed (Joe Torres, Karen Howe Behrooz, Monica Hanson, Sara L) and are due back to the office by Nov 1st. More packs will be distributed next month.

vi) Family Bingo Night (Megan Curtis)

Bingo Nights were super successful in the past, so we are bringing it back this year. It will most likely be around 6-7pm on Nov 7th, 2014 in the cafeteria.

vii) Walk-A-Thon (Kindra Mendall)

It was a huge success. Student participation was 82% and there were 15 sponsors, with \$32,880 raised. Top lap winners and final amount raised will be announced on Mon, Oct 13th. If you need your child's lap total, please email Kindra at kmendall@att.net. Pledges are welcome until Fri, Oct 10th. Committee Meeting will be on Tues, Oct 14th. A huge thank you to Kindra who has gotten it down to a science in organizing the Annual WAT. Kindra has volunteered to do it again next year!

viii) Book fair (Natalie Campbell & Patrick Gavin)

It was huge success. The goal of 900 books was surpassed and a total of 950 books were sold (approx \$4,750 in sales). Community Club purchased remaining books on teachers' wish list for classrooms and library.

Would like to find out if anyone is interested in helping create/decorate the jousting horses out of cardboard, as well as providing any knight armor/helmets for the Teachers' joust next week – date TBD.

ix) School Directory (Cheryl Thompson)

School directory was sent out on Sept 27th. If there are any corrections please email Cheryl. An update will be issued in Feb/Mar 2015.

x) Recycle Friday (Michelle Flanagan)

The first Recycle Friday made \$115, and the winning class was Mrs Dorighi's. The next one will be on Oct 24th.

xi) Welcome Back Social (Karen Howe Behrooz)

This was a lot of fun with many new families attending.

6) Announcements Barbara Droher-Kline announced a College Financial Planning seminar on Nov 1st in Fremont, sponsored by Thrivent. Also working on setting up Fire Safety seminars.

7) Adjournment 9.40a.m. Lisa motioned, Alyson 2nd.