



Rainbow Riders at the CRC Parent – Teacher Association

December 6, 2011, 12:30 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions by Justin Krometis.
 - a. Joelle discussed the Family Togetherness Project, which we will send home with families over winter break. Families will be given instructions and a piece of cardstock to create a collage of photos, movie tickets, etc. The goal is to show the different ways families celebrate holidays/winter break. The finished cards will be displayed in the lobby.
2. Minutes read by Tabitha Rust. Motion to approve by Renee Boyer, seconded by Leah.
3. Treasurer Report was reviewed by Renee Boyer. Fundraising is complete for the year. Profit from magnets, t-shirts, bulbs and original works = \$1,173.17. Profit from fundraisers fell a little short of projected income. Motion to approve Laura Pearce, seconded by Natalia.
4. Fundraiser Updates:
 - a. Original Art by Nyoka Price & Claudine Grieshaber - PTA profit = \$525.15. Delivery will be on Monday, with 24-36 hours to turn around.
 - b. Kroger Cards by Justin – We have submitted our application to Kroger. Once we get our approval, we can order cards for \$5 each, preloaded with \$5, then sell to parents for \$5. Claudine asked for form to be added into new enrollment packet. Kristi Snyder suggested having a volunteer set up a table in the lobby to sell cards. Non-profit status is complete.
5. Communications:
 - a. Groupspaces by Laura Pearce – We have not encountered any problems using Groupspaces.
 - b. Room Reps by Justin Krometis - We can put a list of room reps on the PTA bulletin board. We need a volunteer to set up the PTA bulletin board. The Maroon and Jade rooms still need room reps.
 - c. Website by Kristi Snyder – We are in the process of setting up a meeting to start a new process to get the website up and running. The goal is to have the new website set up by beginning of the new year. The waiting list system has to link with the website that is being created. The website will have a page for each PTA, with a separate page for the Gala accessible from main page.
6. Gala Update by Allie Rubio –
 - a. The date for the gala has been confirmed for April 28 at VCOM.
 - b. Solicitations – We will be contacting groups that we got donations from last year to give them the opportunity to donate before the end of the year for 2011 taxes. Allie is taking care of all solicitations and Kendra is taking care of baskets. The theme is “Birthday”, for Rainbow Rider’s 25th anniversary. Ideas included: inviting alumni families, slide show and photo albums, using Facebook page to contact alumni, forming a committee to contact alumni. We are seeking suggestions for child care situation, food ideas other than pizza. We discussed funding teacher tickets. We need to update the solicitation letter, and send out list of last year’s donors so people can volunteer to ask for donations. We need to send out an email specific to asking for volunteers for the Gala, with specific jobs.

7. Holiday service activities by Laura Pearce -
 - a. Food Drive – The food drive will run through next Monday. Cash or check donations are also accepted. We need to know who to write checks to, and who to give cash/checks to.
 - b. Merry Mittens – Kipps Elementary isn't doing Merry Mittens this year. We are focusing on the used toy drive and the food drive.
8. Update on printer purchase by Matt McCormick and Kristi Snyder - Matt and Kristi met last week to discuss options, including a large printer for the whole system, or something less expensive that might be more expensive to maintain.
 - a. Color/BW copier is around \$2,500 through Cobb Technologies. Cobb will finance for \$70/month for 60 months, and it can be paid off early with no penalty. For color/BW, add \$25 per month for service agreement which includes maintenance, toner, drums.
 - b. BW copier will be around \$1,000.
 - c. We have \$300 allocated in budget for Technology, we need to discuss what Gala can contribute. Knollwood PTA has declined to contribute to the printer expense. Most of what is printed in-house can be BW, with the exception of the Me Books. We need to find out how long it will take to actually get a copier, and to get a feel for how much we are spending on toner.
9. Updates on new ideas
 - a. VolunteerSpot by Justin Krometis – We need to ask Allie if it can be used for solicitations for the Gala.
 - b. Staff Anniversary Recognition Committee
 - c. Documentation
 - i. Kristi asked for information to put on the PTA bulletin board, including officers, room reps, meeting minutes.
10. New Business
 - a. DJ for Staff Party – CRC PTA has been asked to pay for half of the \$250 fee for the D.J. Motion to pay \$125 by Matt McCormick, seconded by Laura Pearce. (\$75 out of Social & Family Programs and \$50 out of Other)
11. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 5:45 pm
 - a. Note that there is no January meeting
12. Announcements
13. Adjourn motion by adjourn by Laura Pearce seconded by Kristi Snyder.