

**College Hills PTO Board Meeting
March 7, 2011**

In attendance: Amy Tremblay, David Hart, Meredith Waller, Karin Romero, Katy Martinez, Miranda Criscione, Carrie Morgan, James Lancaster, Melissa Cunningham, Stacey Joiner, Jessica Taylor, Kimberly McAdams, Allyson Wright, Tracey Scasta, Paula Lancaster, Jana Rhoades, Jane Rankin, Pat Wilson, Mindy Foster, Beth Barrington, Gina Cook, Donna Garrett, Kristin Henson, DeEsta Garrett, Nicole KupperSmith, Michelle Bienkowski

Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2011.
- Motion to approve by David. Seconded by Paula. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Allyson Wright)

- Deposits included \$2,325.00 in sponsorships for the Paw Print Festival and \$576.00 for the raffle and pies/tips portion of McTeacher Night.
- Expenditures included \$55.00 for January/February teacher appreciation (birthdays), \$41.14 for the teacher appreciation luncheon, \$17.68 for website domain renewals, \$1,200.00 for the 4th grade field trip, and \$709.86 for teacher/staff grants, which included \$261.66 towards the kindergarten garden project and \$448.20 for Rosetta Stone language programs for the counselor.
- The ending balance is \$33,012.87
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Karin. Seconded by David. Motion carried.

Principal's Report (Jane Rankin)

- TAKS benchmark testing for 3rd and 4th graders will be the week after Spring Break.
- Paw Print Festival needs will be addressed at the next Faculty Meeting.
- To raise funds for Relay for Life, staff can pay \$5 to wear jeans this week.
- Jane requested that the PTO consider the funding options for Paw Print Festival proceeds to include items to make College Hills more welcoming, such as benches, a cafeteria awning, flags hung to represent all countries of College Hills students, artwork, curtains, and additional picnic tables. She proposed the remainder be placed in reserve to determine needs after rezoning goes into effect next school year. Nicole will be sending out a parent survey this week to include these suggestions plus allow parents to offer any other comments/suggestions for the Festival proceeds.
- Jane requested the Board consider a "Fun Committee" to assist with the planning and announcement of activities to make College Hills a fun, learning environment. Currently students and teachers dance the "cha-cha" slide on Fridays; there will be a sock hop on the "50 days left" of school day; and the TAKS theme is "You're a Rock Star, You Can Rock the TAKS". Jane asked the PTO to create a committee to continue with the concept. Karin volunteered to chair the committee. Please contact her if you wish to help with this new committee.
- Jane requested the Board consider increasing their field trip funding. Allyson requested the Budget Committee be given information as to how much the school spends for each grade level and trip in order to analyze budget needs for next year.

Teacher's Report (Pat Wilson)

- Still getting feedback from teachers about room parent setup.
- Grade levels asking about particular budget items – i.e. 4th grade would like to purchase beach balls again for their EOY party.

President's Report (Nicole Koppersmith)

- The nominating committee will be slating next year's Board. Let Nicole know of any position requests or persons willing to serve on the Board.
- Nicole receives numerous fundraising opportunities and will share some ideas at a future meeting, to include a potential art fundraiser.

Teacher Appreciation Committee (Mindy Foster)

- Teacher gift cards have been distributed for recent birthday months.

McTeacher Night (Carrie Morgan)

- Carrie thanked the teachers for their hard work at McTeacher night. Pie sales and tips increased over prior year. They are awaiting the final tally of proceeds from McDonald's. The assistant manager that worked with our PTO was a College Hills grad.

Grants Committee (David Hart)

- The committee is considering timing of Spring grant application and award process to complement vs. conflict with the CSISD Education Foundation grant awards timeline.
- David thanked Allyson for remitting payments to the Fall grant award winners.

Paw Print Festival (Paula Lancaster, Katy Martinez, Miranda Criscione, Beth Barington, and Michelle Bienkowski)

- There are still unclaimed games available for sponsorship. An email and flyer will go out to try to capture more sponsorships. Microage will contribute \$1,000. Scott & White donated 50 rolls of casting. More is needed. Feathercrest donated 125 dozen eggs.
- Aggie volunteers worked with Miranda to fill 1500 eggs and make sponsor signs. They have a great supply but will accept more eggs.
- Still asking for donations of 2 liter soda/drinks, large lollipops, and books. Also needed EZ-up tents, helmets, and generators for inflatables.
- Set-up will begin Friday afternoon prior to the event.
- Beth has 280 volunteers lined up from the Big Event to help with games and set-up. Parents are requested to assist with silent auction and food (i.e. snow cones and popcorn).
- Michelle passed around a sign-up sheet for lunch ticket sales. Tickets and wrist bands will be available at the Festival. Meal tickets will be \$5. Games tickets will be 4 for \$1. Adults may purchase raffle tickets for \$5, or 5 for \$20. Children raffle tickets will be 1 for \$1.
- Visit the Paw Print Festival website for more details.

Earning for Learning (Stacey Joiner)

- The Barnes & Noble Fun Night will be April 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Ms. Smith, Librarian, will be in the Children's area answering questions about suggested reading by grade level. The store will have five game stations set up and students receive a small prize for completing the stations. This will be a fun night to encourage reading.
- The pledge amount to earn a name plate during Earning for Learning will be decreased from \$25 to \$20. Students may use class reading time towards reading log goals. The reading logs will log Monday thru Friday reading. Students may earn an extra recess for their participation in Earning for Learning.

Knock Your Socks Off Award – Amy awarded the sock to Miranda for processing 1500 confetti eggs for the Paw Print Festival!

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Beth. Seconded by Mindy. Motion passed.

The next board meeting will be Monday, April 11 at 12:10 in the library.