

May 10

FOF Board Meeting Notes

Attending:

Cindy Pangalos, Jenny Gomez, Aniko Alexovics, Ellen Kennedy, Jennifer Htrick, Ysenia Castellanos, Brenda Alvarado, Paul Yi, Leslie Kyle-Wilson, Justine Janney

Franklin Kids Presentation

- The plan for next year's after school program presented by Megan Mascena (Franklin Kids President) and Sandi Picazo:
 - There will be no Beyond the Bell next year—the free program is (as of now) not being paid for by LAUSD next year. To keep the Beyond the Bell program, parents would have to come up with \$30,000 upfront by September to pay for this program. Friends of Franklin does not have the budget to pay for this.
 - Franklin Kids' proposal: create a low-cost program called "The Sand Lot":
 - Cost \$60/month, and be from 2-4 (if the program has a lot of requests to go to 5, the cost will go up a bit).
 - Kids grades 2-5 are eligible
 - 2 folks supervising (required by Franklin Kids insurance)
 - All will be Franklin Kids employees, and will have CPR and first aid certifications
 - Mrs. Sasso explained lower yard needs more supervision than they have now.
 - This may help address/ identify any behavioral issues on the lower yard.
 - No homework help, but Sand Lot kids will be eligible to do enrichment classes
 - Organized sports will be available on lower yard
 - Enrollment will be more strictly enforced
 - Parents who cannot afford the Sand Lot may be eligible for Franklin Kids scholarships:
 - All Title 1 children are eligible for Franklin Kids scholarships,

Special Business

- Lesley Kyle – Hoffman-Kipp Run
 - The Hoffman-Kipp family is facing some hard times. The husband Peter has been battling an intense degenerative neuromuscular condition for the past 3 ½ years. At this point, he has a triple diagnosis – ALS, Lyme and CIDP, and the medical treatment is very expensive. There are several fundraisers happening, including a 10 K and a dinner at Auntie Em's in Eagle Rock. For the latest updates, please check out <http://teamhoffman-kipp.org/> or go to their Facebook page.
- Molli McIlvane – Additional Book Faire Proposal:
 - Looking at having another/alternative Book Faire before Christmas, maybe Nov. 30, Dec 1 & 2. This needs to be vetted with teachers and parents. Contact Molli with thoughts/questions.
- First Day of School Next Year
 - Wednesday, Sept. 7

Finance Committee

- Financial Update – Aniko

- Aniko's computer had issues, she had to go to her last backup and re-enter all the numbers. So, she has only rough numbers from Franklinpalooza.
 - Roughly, Silent Auction made \$23,000
 - Door sales are up from last year
 - Food sales are up from last year
 - Looking at over \$40,000 net
- Other financial information:
 - We have \$15,000 in one CD and \$10,000 in another CD
- We need to vote on some budget items
 - Plant Manger
 - The entire year \$8,500:
 - Can we guarantee that we get Mr. Paredes again? We cannot guarantee, but it's highly likely, as Mr. Paredes has seniority.
 - Cost is only \$8,500, less than last year
 - Justine moved to spend \$8,500 to purchase the plant manager
 - Teacher Appreciation cards:
 - Lunch is Thursday 5/12 at 11:30, spending \$10 on teachers (includes office and TA's) for presents
 - Ellen moved to spend \$10 per teacher/ta/office/certified, Leslie KW seconds, 11 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion passed
 - Art show amount?
 - Proposed to up the budget from \$1000 to \$1500 to cover costs
 - Leslie KW moved to increase budget, Ysenia seconded, 11 Yeas 0 Nays, motion passed
 - Nurse update – Leslie Kyle Wilson:
 - LAUSD: only funding for 2 days of nurse next year
 - Wilson Family foundation will pay for rest of the week, no money needed from FOF

Fund Raising Committee Report

- Fund Drive
 - Remaining pledged money received from the last drive?
- Palooza Wrap Up - Leslie Weinstein
- Pinewood Derby – June 11 (11-3)
 - John Dunne – update:
 - Only allowing Franklin-sold kits (to avoid fancy car kits coming in and winning).
 - Car kits will be \$7, they are selling them at school starting next week
 - Admission will be \$5 or \$6
 - We need some help
 - Volunteers needed to set up food, Tawny will help organize food, etc.
- Volunteers a Brief Conversation
 - Pay
 - How do we avoid burnout?
 - How do we get folks to volunteer, and not rely on the same people over and over?
 - Halloween rethought?
 - Halloween is a huge effort, right as school begins, yet we make less money than other fund raisers
 - Do we scale back Halloween, do it on the Friday before Halloween afternoon/evening and maybe have a kid's disco, less/no haunted house, and a few games?

- Do we look at doing Franklin Palooza earlier in the year?
 - Do we start planning and getting donations for Franklin Palooze prior to January? Maybe start in November?
- DVD Sale Update- Justine Janney:
 - We've sold over 60 DVDs, probably more (Ms. Aimee has more orders). The DVDs have paid for themselves. We were a bit too ambitious in trying to get these duplicated by open house—our goal is by FAME night.

Board Governance Report

- We need a Treasurer and President Elect for next year
 - Kath Salvaty for President
- Treasurer
 - Jasmin Lorenz is considering becoming Treasurer Elect
- Board members need to evaluate their situations:
 - Current Board members need to determine if their schedules allow for the time needed to be on the board
- Day time meetings a success, maybe 4 next year.

Special Business Continued

- Technical Committee Update
 - Mission Project Update – A success!
 - We now have training on how to do these power point presentations. The results were terrific.
 - New computers on their way!
 - 27 new computers were donated by FOX (PCs), so the tech budget is going to get these up to snuff for LAUSD and get the appropriate software on them.
- Additional comments or thoughts
 - Justine is forming a grants committee: please email (justinelab@gmail.com) if you want to join.
 - Lisa (new Franklin Kindergarten Mom) wants to overhaul the library, clean it up and make it a more inviting place
 - Rally to protest education cuts on 5/13 in front of the Franklin at 2 PM, Pershing Square rally at 4 PM
 - Rally with Educate our state to protest budget cuts on 5/24 at Echo Park, will include Franklin, Ivanhoe, as well as some of the Echo Park schools.
 - Wine tasting at Silverlake Wines was a great success. We made \$750, which included 10% of wines purchased at the event.
 - Next one is 6/4
 - Fame Night is 6/9