

1Minutes
Friends of Franklin
11/10/09

Called to order at 6:12

Announcements:

Jenny Gomez has joined the board, and Shelly Frieberger has stepped down. Jenny has joined as President Elect.

Halloween Carnival was big success, will have to wait for Jenny for full report. Gross was \$12,538 approx. Jenny kept a binder for notes for the event that was very user friendly.

Accelerated reader – need 2 more carts for upstairs hallway. FoF will pay. \$175 per cart.

Sees Fundraiser. Flyers go out Tuesday Nov. 17th. Lauren McQuerrey will pick up this fund drive. Needs help counting orders, and will solicit helpers when she needs it. Catalogs are smaller this year, smaller selection. Perfect timing for the holidays. Delivery is the last week of school before holiday break, and may need help for passing out the orders. Some discussion to try to move up delivery so it can be before Hannukah (Dec. 11).

Treasurers Report, Jim Contratto.

As of Oct 31, we have \$70,339.01 in combined checking and CD. Does not include Halloween fundraiser, which grossed approximately \$12,538. Possibly netted approx the same as last year. Last year's gross was about \$1200-1300 less.

Pledge drive so far is close to \$8,000.

Sally Foster drive was approximately \$12,000 gross. We get approx. 40-50% of the receipts.

The board is looking into new sources of fundraising, including a new recycled paper fundraiser. Sandi proposed a fundraising committee meeting to which parents can bring new fundraising ideas.

Question: how much the restaurant nights make? The person who did it last year is leaving for Austin, and we are looking for a new person to organize the restaurant night. Madeline Peterson volunteered.

Ideas about theatre nights – buy tickets and then resell them for charity. Either the Palace in Glendale or El Capitan.

New business:

Mrs. Sasso said a few words. Thanked everyone for the carnival, the food was really good, the time and work that was put into it by all the parents. As she walked around the playground, she felt how important it was to have those kinds of events, it is a pleasure to see all the parents help. Everyone appreciated the sign that said: "Open to the Community."

Leslie Weinstein is doing the website and Sarah Picchi and Anniko are doing the Constant Contact. 450 people are on Constant Contact right now. Sarah is working on cleaning up the list.

Lesley and Madeline discussed sharing of resources with Friends of Ivanhoe and coordinating our Halloween carnival events to happen different nights.

The FoF Board is now fully staffed. However, we do need more questionnaires from parents interested in becoming board members in the event of a vacancy or at the end of the year. We are also particularly interested in people willing to be Treasurer elect since Jim will be stepping down at the end of the year.

Discussion re: how FoF will spend its money. This is in transition to some degree given new board formation in compliance with bylaws. The goal is to bring large expenditures to the full parent meeting to get everyone's input and then the Board has the final authority. Michael suggested a survey to get parents' input on what money should be spent on. Also, remember that with some of the fundraising events, it is hard to get people to fill shifts, so we have to be wary about how many fundraising events we have because they all require people power. We could have another flyer to try to get parents to come to the meetings. Some incentives to get parents to come to meetings. Used to be parent meetings on Fridays. We could just try to have some important meetings at which we really work to get parents to come. Also, Constant Contact has a survey function so we might be able to use that function for a survey along the lines of what to spend money on.

Health issue: when student is absent, need to have them check in with the nurse when they return. Especially if the nurse is the one who sends the child home with a fever. This is a district policy for all schools that have a full time nurse. So we are now asking families to bring the child if they have been absent for 3-4 days or more. Still need a doctors note to have them come back after an extended absence.

Moved and seconded to adjourn.

Adjourned at 6:51.