

PTSA Executive Meeting 10/15/18

**In Attendance:**

Lanie, Nadia, Courtney, Robin, Shannon, Amanda, Andrea, Mo

**Reports:**

*Jeff* – wants to put more substantive stuff from the committees into our newsletters, including volunteer opportunities. Please email him with updates from your committees. We need to start pushing the Book Fair at Barnes & Noble. Robin will send that info to Jeff after her committee meeting.

*Nadia* – had planned to do wellness week for the teachers this week but has had no cooperation from the school. Had everyday planned out. She needed to have rooms and accessibility; asked Ms. Dalton for help and got nowhere. Going to try for another week and will go directly to Danser for planning. She has a great committee. Also wants to plan something for students – will chat with Lanie. Wants to do something like a Red Ribbon week. Talking about safety.

Raised \$35 in popsicle sales from the movie night.

*Robin/Amanda* - Meeting with Sonya Fuller this week. She's heading the book fair. Will talk with her to nail down details. B & N has assigned our number – can be used at ANY Barnes & Noble and we will get credit (going to find out if we can use it online). Book fair is December 15<sup>th</sup>. It's our biggest fundraiser and we need everyone there to volunteer to do a shift. Kids can get volunteer hours if they sign up for a shift.

Dine outs – Erica Jong has been in charge of a few. Bennett's Market (owned by Victoria Trestrail) on Boulevard is willing to do a dine out in November. Mo – local restaurants are very willing to participate. Farmburger and Your Pie are both willing, as well as Firepit. We need a date for fundraising committee meeting to discuss dine outs/Robin & Amanda need to ask if people own restaurants/want to get involved. We will put business information into newsletters – Amanda will get something on letterhead about what businesses will get if they participate to distribute to potential restaurants. Posters perhaps?

Dine out dates – Erica Jong is in charge. Erica or Robin will say something at the meeting on Monday.

*Shannon* – Membership – September is latest numbers – 404 members, including faculty (n=41). Total income – all that we've brought in = \$3840 (does not include what we paid PTA). Got a few members out of the coffee. We will try to sell more memberships at the next one. Want to break it out by class to make it more competitive. Unable to get an email reply from Danser. Mo will send Shannon's emails on to Danser.

TEACHER GRANTS – we need to talk about these! Angela is not here (she thought meeting was tomorrow). We need to set parameters – deadlines, priorities, amounts. We need to talk with Lexi Hautau (she ran grants last year). Can the grants be classroom specific or must they benefit the entire department? We have \$3000 available for grants.

Mo – someone (Robinson – ESL instructor) is asking for a grant right now to bring her students to the Civil Rights Museum. Cost \$300. We need to ask Angela if we need to vote on this among general membership, but we want to go ahead and approve this.

Mo – wants to discuss agenda for full body meeting (what everyone will cover on Monday). We will not have a Nov. meeting – just the mini – so we need to ask people to help out with the Teacher Luncheon. Danser pays for it so we don't have date yet. Will occur around second week. But we do need volunteers.

Don't have update on Maynard movie because Angela isn't here. But we made at least \$1500. We need to come up with what we're going to do to give some money away! Teacher grants? Sunshine closet? Concerns – box of t-shirts stolen from Sunshine closet. There are tons of clothes in there – khaki pants, shirts. Who runs it? We either need to have our own room or buy a locking closet for our storage space. Need a day to clean the Sunshine closet out. Some uniforms are in bad shape, things are not well displayed. School has a washer-dryer.

Grant – Mo would like there to be an application for students to get grants.

Leftovers – Mo had a restaurant donate a bunch of muffins and she set that out for teachers. Perhaps we could coordinate a bunch of Fridays for restaurants to donate desserts for teachers.

Robin – fundraising idea – need to involve Danser – a lot of schools let seniors decorate parking spaces. We could have them pay to paint. Lockers? Might not work.

Mo – we need a real money-maker. Grady has something like 100k in their PTA. Mo's idea – dog show. Jacksonminister Dog Show. Burgundy and Gold ribbons. Get sponsors (e.g., Hungry Hound) to judge. One day where everyone would register their dogs (\$\$) for different categories and we would have different shows. Best in Jaguar! Maybe in spring. Wag-A-Lot, PetSmart – so many pet places as potential sponsors. Community Outreach – include foster organizations (Lifeline, Laskey's, etc.). Get a few vets to help out. Village Vets? We'll give a banner, mention in the Roar, etc. Dog Park on DeKalb Ave – bar place – will they sponsor? Gets broader community, outside of just MJHS community. (Andrea suggested 5k but it made no money. Have to pay law enforcement, etc.). Will dog place's insurance cover events? Mo will do some research.

*Andrea* – parent engagement

Has coded out what parents are interested in volunteering for based on the membership list. She will send that out soon.

Office needs help from 11-1, particularly on Friday. Going to send specific groups out soon. Committees want email groups.

SPIRIT WEAR – no one wanted to sign up for helping out with spirit wear. We need to use the email list to get volunteers (Jeff's list and/or the parent list that Andrea has coded).

Got together committee of class parents to discuss what has and hasn't worked in the past, how to deal with that for next year, bookkeeping for this. Need small groups (2-4) for success.

For future reference – might want to consider having people with younger kids shadow committee leaders.

WE NEED AN ONLINE STORE.