

PTO meeting Wednesday 11/8/17

Present: Amanda McClafferty, Anne Blankestyn, Cassie Lewis, Sara Watson, Megan McGonigle

(we went out of order for a variety of reasons)

### **III. School volunteer opportunities**

- a) Mme Writsel-Lopez thanked the PTO for affirmatively voting to provide the music department with \$1200 for funding programs. There are many volunteer opportunities through the music department. See hand out from her. Several of these are directly related to the Kenwood performance of Seussical, which will be February 16, 2018. Room parents can share this list with individual classrooms to ask for parent involvement. We also should consider community members we know: for example, an electrician who may like to donate some time to Kenwood. The back of the form has a place for contact information and indications for where you can help out. Forms should be turned in to her mailbox.
- b) Career day is Monday, 11/20/17. We are looking for volunteers to come in, one per grade level, to talk or present to students for 30-45 minutes. You don't necessarily have to speak to your own child's class. Or maybe you know of someone outside of Kenwood who would like to come in for this. Let Amanda McClafferty know if you can participate or if you have someone else to suggest.

#### **I. Old Business and treasurer's report**

- a) Homecoming: We had 200-300 people, the food trucks worked out great--we may want to consider the trucks for future events. Good connections with alums were made and overall it was a very positive event.
- b) Dogtoberfest: We did not make as much money as last year but that's partly because more supplies were purchased this year, so expenses were higher. We had more than we needed, so we have supplies for other events this year, which will save us money down the road.
- c) Chipotle night: we made \$208, thank you to all of the families who could come out!

#### **II. New Business**

- a) Movie night: set for Friday 11/17/17. The movie we'd been hoping would be released hasn't been, so we have had to re-think what to show. Options discussed: Moana, Trolls, Cars 3, Boss Baby, Monster in Paris, Ratatouille.
- b) Art show: Friday December 15th, 6-7:30. We need someone to be in charge of this event. This involves 1) being in charge of art donations from families and the community and setting up the silent auction for these items and 2) hanging/displaying student art. We do not sell student art, we display it to be celebrated. Some community connections are CCAD, small galleries and Glass Axis. We also will need donations of finger foods to be served. It would be great if a high school quartet or something similar could play during the show. They can receive community service hours for it. Mme Writsel-Lopez will send an email to district music teachers to see if we can find someone who may be interested. But let a PTO board member know if you have someone else you know of!

- c) Brick sale: this began at Homecoming but we need to do another sales event to bring in more bricks. Flyers will be coming home to all families. Room parents will be useful contacts for this. They are \$50/brick, and it can be one family, or members of a class going in together, etc. Sales will run through spring, through Fancy Fair, with the idea that the bricks can be laid during summer 2018.

Housekeeping: PTO provides dinner twice a year for teachers and staff during conferences. Thank you to families who were able to help out tonight. There was a problem with not having food arrive or not the servings suggested on the SignUp Genius. Pizza was purchased by PTO so there was enough food for the teachers' meal. We discussed what was different this year as we've not had these issues in the past, and what we can do to remedy this for conferences in February. It was decided that PTO will pay for the main entree and that in February, a Signup Genius will ask for sides and drinks. It may be helpful for room parents to check in with their classroom parents about this.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 6-7pm.