

McKinley PTC Meeting Minutes

January 27th, 2016

Betsey Zbyszynski, Parent Teacher Club (PTC) President, welcomed the attendees and gave the floor to every committee representative to give updates of their activities.

School Programs

- Reading Club – Ms. Pat
- CRAVE Art Program – Ashley Bruce
- Garden – Grant Ferrier

Ms. Pat described how the Reading Club started at McKinley. The club runs on Tuesdays for 40 minutes. Kids enter into the program being in 2nd grade under teacher recommendation and stay in the program –through 5th grade- as long as they do their duties: read chapter books and write a report about them. Ms. Pat gives incentives to the kids such as international coins, ice cream coupons and pillows. For the latter Ms. Pat would love to have volunteers to help her making the pillows (size 14 x 14).

Ashley explained a little about the program and acknowledged ASE volunteers for helping prepping materials and mounting art pieces. She asked for volunteers for mounting art pieces and for looking of places where to exhibit the artwork made by the students.

Grant reminded everybody that Gardening classes -led by Mindy Swanson- are part of the *Wheel* rotation offered to kids from Kindergarten to 3rd grade. He also commented that the products from the garden are not intended to be sold to fund raising purposes, and cannot be used in the cafeteria due to school district rules. They are harvested and given in school meetings, events, etc.

Before/After School Programs

- Morning Running Club – Elizabeth Newlin
- Variety Show – Elizabeth Newlin
- McKinley Theater Company (MTC) – Grant Ferrier
- After School Enrichment Program (ASE) – Bridgette Tullis

There are currently 150 kids in the Morning Running Club. Kids have the opportunity to run from 8:05am to 8:20am as many laps as possible. The laps are marked everyday, and when they accumulate 30 laps, kids receive a token, and after 200 laps, they get a medal. The club needs a volunteer to help on Thursdays.

The rehearsals for the 55th Variety Show have started. The performance has been set for March 10th, from 6pm to 8pm at Lincoln High School. The entrance cost will be \$5.

Grant shared the news that MTC will be presenting “Annie” at Roosevelt Middle School on February 18th at 6pm. The team is inviting students and families from other schools that feed into Roosevelt MS, the community at large and of course McKinley students and families who missed it in December.

Bridgette emphasized that although it is true the ASE classes are after school hours; this is not a childcare program. She also explained the lottery system that is used in case the number of applications received for a particular class overflow the number of spots available in the class. She noted that class instructors address discipline issues communicating with parents and ASE committee.

Fundraisers

- Spring Gala/Casino Night – Maribel King
- SoNo Fest – Jean Rivaldi
- Pizza Nights – Nancy Flores
- 5th Grade Activities – Elizabeth Newlin
- Ascent Realty – Kim Hawley and Shari Schlossberg
- Community Realty – Jean Rivaldi

Maribel commented that Spring Gala/Casino Night would be in April, teachers and room parents soon would receive information so they can participate creating/donating a class item to be auctioned in the night of.

Jean shared that 2015 SoNo raised \$63,000. The whole event took a lot of volunteers and much of their time, so for 2016, the committee will re-think how they plan/run the event in order to optimize/maximize human resources.

Nancy said that all approached pizza restaurants have been eager to participate in Pizza Nights, donating 25% (or more) of the cost of every order in the designated day. So far, we have raised over \$1,300. She mentioned some of the amounts donated: Buona Forcetta (\$800), Massara (\$400), Berkeley (\$150), Jersey and Paesano (\$200).

Shari & Kim, and Jean brought out about their Referral Programs in their respective Realty Agencies that donates money to school when they receive a referral.

Other committees

- Beautification Committee – Jen Spencer
- Winter Coat Drive – Betsey Zbyszynski

Jen expressed that the construction work related to the *Joint Use Park* at McKinley won't start until later in the current school year, and that the construction activities could impact ASE outdoor classes. The team in charge calculates that it would be ready for next school year.

The drive collected 10 big bags (trash size) full with coats. They were donated to San Diego Rescue Mission. Also, this committee got involved giving a hand to one of McKinley families that was impacted with the recent flooding events.