

Aurora Quest K-8 PTA Minutes

December 8, 2015

6:07 pm Teri Dossey called the meeting to order and went over norms and mission statement. Board meeting was cancelled for school meeting in November so that is why we were meeting in December since no PTA meeting was on the original schedule.

Guest Speakers. Kindergarten teachers were not available due to change in date.

Old Business. Morgan Jarrett motioned to approve October's minutes. Jim Heath seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve. We might have lost some money on Goodies for Grandparents but the event is a community event and not intended to make money. The bad weather probably played a role in the lose of money as attendance was done. The butterbraid sales made \$2,984. This was a bit less then last year but could be due to the fact that we had the catalog sales before the butterbraid this year whereas last year it was in spring. The first place winner sold 37 butterbraids and 9 pies for a total of \$597. Quest was at 2222 lbs for the USAgain recycling contest. They are behind on bin collections so please contact Morgan Jarrett if you find bags outside the bins. The Reflections art contest entries will be mailed out this week. We had less participation then expected with 3-4 entries. We were unable to have an assembly to kick off the contest as done in past years. Will work with the art and technology teachers next year to help promote within the classroom. The Holiday Store opened for sales today and brought in about \$1,400 total. Quest recieves 15% profit plus an additonal 10% as a signing bonus for a total of 23% profit off of total sales. The PTA sets our first profit margin (15%). We could have requested higher but we want didn't want to price gouge our families. The holiday store still needs volunteers for Friday after school. April Banaitis spoke about the Silent Auction that will take place on February 20. She still needs parents to donate items and is recognizing donors on the Aurora Quest K-8 Silent Auction Facebook page. The auction usually brings in \$10,000-12,000 in one night. She is open to venue ideas as well as opinions on whether this year will include children or not and whether to charge for the event. We have never paid on the venue, just a minium food spending agreement. If we do classroom baskets this year, we need to have volunteers help out as we are not asking teachers to take time out this year to do this. She will have a meeting soon to start a committee to organize the event.

Treasurer's Report. Since last report, we had \$1,062 in deposits, \$192 in membership fees, \$14,193 in fundraisers. We had \$6,726 in withdraws and \$113 in returned checks. The current account balance is \$40,052. The number is high due to the fact that we have done all our fundraising at the beginning of the year this time and it also includes the funding set aside for the Silent Auction which usually happens at the beginning of the year but is happening in Feb this year.

New Business. Saturday, Jan 30 the Central HS Danc Group will have a fundraiser to support Savannah and Savannah is expected to attend. Family is doing well and is looking at setting up a benefit that supports all dancers in Colorado with health issues. Quest is being respectful of the family's needs and will be ready to support them when they let us know any needs they may have. All four current board members will not be returning next year so the PTA will need new members next year. If anyone is interested, let us know and they can follow along with us until May if they would like to get some training in before. Also next year, we are more than happy to help out anyone who steps in. The benches and chess tables have been installed and the chess pieces have been ordered.

Principal Notes. A question was posed about the year round school option. The district is looking into how year round school will be designed as year round is in both overcrowded solution options proposed by the district.

Raffle was held for all attendees to win a Panara Bread gift card. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm by Teri Dossey.