

## Aurora Quest K-8 PTA Minutes

Sept 8, 2015

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6:00 pm Teri Dossey called the meeting to order. Teri went over the Mission and Motto for PTA, as well as the Norms for all parent groups at Quest. The board members did quick introductions.

**Treasurer's Report.** Opening balance in June was \$32,188. All checks from last year with the exception of one have cleared. \$280 in donations was deposited. \$618 membership dues were deposited from back to school nights. There are no out standing bills from last year that need to be paid.

Minutes from August were review. Gwendolyn Alanzo motioned to approve the minutes. Chandra Doris seconded. All were in favor.

**Guest Speakers.** The second grade teachers, Rachel Gilmer and Joy Purcell, presented an overview of their classrooms. The Nothing Notebook is a letter the students write to a parent every Friday and the parents respond with their own letter over the weekend. They will be using Jr. Great Books and chapter books including Charlotte's Web. Quarterly book projects are due with the student's choice of presentation. Science includes units on plants and animals, air and water and hot wheels speedometry. There will be a field trip to Hudson Gardens. For service learning, they are reading Beatrice's Goat and will be working with Heifer International. They hope to further apply these concepts by having a relationship with peers in another country.

**Old Business.** Volunteer Dessert Night was a success but Teri apologized for scheduling so many school events in one night. Current online sales for the catalog fundraiser was around \$3300. Orders were due today and the rest of the orders will be counted tomorrow. Skate City brought in 157 skaters and made \$350 for the school. Craze night brought in \$150. Boxtops brought in \$50 last month and the classroom winners for each pod were Griffin, Adair and Hayson.

**New Business.** UsAgain will be having their monthly poundage contest from Oct 15 – Nov 15. The top three schools per state will win. Quest has placed 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally with 3,500 lbs in previous contests. Nobody else in Colorado has come close so we could be in a good position to win first. We have \$300 in VISA gift cards from Labels for Education. In last month's meeting, it was suggested to give this money to Savannah. Dave Schoenhals explained that they were planning a school-wide fundraiser for Savannah so we could look at other ideas for this money. He mentioned that we could put the money towards chess pieces and a storage container for the outdoor chess tables PTA funded last year. Morgan Jarrett motioned for \$300 towards the chess pieces. Chandra Doris seconded. Upon further discussion, Morgan amended her motion to allocate the \$300 towards the chess pieces but to bring specifics to the next meeting to vote on which specific chess pieces to purchase. Chandra seconded. All were in favor. The carnival will be next Thursday from 4-7 pm. It's on a Thursday since there is no school and to avoid conflict with the city track meet. Wristband and food ticket sales start next week. \$10 for presale wristbands and \$12 at the door. The dunk tank will happen again this year and it will be \$1/3 balls. Volunteer information went out. DJ Potter spoke about the Hospitality Committee. The Signup Genius is set up for the 16<sup>th</sup>, he just needs to send it out. The theme will be End of Summer/Hawaiian. The 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Sign ups are being created and the theme will be Mexican Fiesta. In order to attract more Facebook participation, the board would like to have a contest were parents submit artwork or photographs with their children's help to replace our profile and banner pictures. We would like to give a \$25 AMC gift card to the profile and banner winner. Michelle Hannawald motioned to allocate \$50 for AMC gift cards for the Facebook contest incentive. Morgan Jarrett seconded. All were in favor. Salih Kalem was interested in becoming our new treasurer. Jessica Edgett motioned to make Salih Kalem treasurer. Mark Bailey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Principal Notes.** Kim Pippenger gave an update on the Community Garden meeting. The next step is to start raising money.

A drawing was held for a fall basket. 6:45 DJ Potter motioned to close the meeting. Cathy Tranchetti seconded the motion. All were in favor.