

Minutes
General APT Meeting
Wednesday October 7, 2009

Present: Kari Carey, Mikki Fretz, Julie Gildersleeve, Yolanda Alemany, Dani Tiffany, Fabiana Stauffer, Allison Barkley, Susan Brown, Wendy Owens, Ivy Seeds, Kerry DeMarsh, Debbie Brier, LeAnn Thomas, Natalie Lazarr, Jennifer Blalock-Wallert, Rebecca Nelson, Gina Aikman, Sarah Stammegna, Janae van De Kerk, Jill Rotondo, Karen (director of Community Schools) and Chris (assistant Director of Community Schools)

The Meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m.

1. **Principal's Report:** Sarah Stammegna
 - 1.1 Site Council Meeting
 - 1.2 Technology –Smartboards installed. Training for staff will be in November
 - 1.3 Playground/lunchroom New inter-murals at lunch recess. Three new faces from the Boys and Girls Club funded by tax credit
 - 1.4 Student Council – Sharon Guttell has volunteered to chair student council – Thank you Mrs. Guttell
 - 1.5 Sun Shades
 - 1.6 Galileo Benchmark Testing – scores down due to a change in the testing structure. A letter will be coming home at conferences regarding this.
 - 1.7 Spirit Shirts
 - 1.8 K-3 Override
2. **Teachers Report:**
 - 2.1 Community Schools warehouse is at Cheyenne and they can only get furniture, no classroom supplies. Fabiana proposed to supplement Mrs. Rotondo by adding \$400 for a total of \$500. Mikki seconded the motion. After further discussion Fabi amended the motion to gift a total \$300 therefore supplementing an additional \$200. Mikki seconded the motion – motion carried.
 - 2.2 Janae van De Kerk discussed the importance of supporting the classes of special education.
3. **President's Report:** Kari Carey
 - 4.1 Pre-school funding for supplies for Community Schools
 - 4.2 Dr. Catalani visit
 - 4.3 Conference for parents on Creative Writing 01/29 at 10:30 by district writing specialist, Diane Murphy in room 410
 - 4.4 By Laws – Voted and passed
 - 4.5 Budget 2009-10 voted and approved
 - 4.6 Cochise cares donation made this month
 - 4.7 E-mail vote on Yes to Children Approved \$250 donation. Julie motioned to approve another \$250 donation for a total of \$500. Second by LeAnn – motion carried.
4. **Treasurer Report:** Dani Tiffany
 - 4.1 Budget of 2008-2009 updated. Yolanda moved to approve budget of 2008-2009. Allison B. seconded the motion. Motion carried
 - 4.2 Budget 2009-2010 – Julie G. moved to approve 2009-2010 updated budget with follow up of boxtop debate. Seconded by Mikki – motion carried.
 - 4.3 See attached budget
5. **Corresponding Secretary** – Yolanda Alemany
 - 5.1 Card sent to Becky's family
6. **Hospitality Report:** - Susan Brown
 - 6.1 Fall Social raised \$1020. The family that one the raffle donated proceeds by to Cochise.
7. **Student Activities Report:** Fabiana Stauffer
 - 7.1 Arts in Education Council, from 9/18 meeting: Newsletter: a newsletter will be coming soon. PTO's will be approached to send out a little pre-written paragraph with a link to AEC's website for people to view. You can also see in the SPC's Learning Curve emails.
Mayor's breakfast is coming up, 11/2/09, and will be at SCPA to promote advocacy for the Arts. Performances by SUSD students. Katy Cavanaugh will be the moderator.
Volunteer/Chairperson needed: Scholarship & Grade Level Events positions. Scholarship program awards 30 children, from 4th-8th grade to attend Band, Strings, & Visual Arts summer camp at one of our schools. These children are from district schools that have at least 20% of their students enrolled in the federal free/reduced lunch program. Students are selected by their teacher and principal on the basis of citizenship, participation, financial need and a willingness to bring new skills back to their district school. Every year, it's \$6000 in scholarship money. Grade Level Events chair coordinates the arts in ed field trips with the schools.

November's (11/6) meeting - Mandy Buscas guest speaker. Mandy is the Arts Learning Director from ACA. The ACA is where schools, like Cochise, apply to receive grant funding for their Artist in Residence programs. She will discuss their new START program which has to do with roster artists, and grant writing.

Art Masterpiece: move is still scheduled for this Fall. The new location is more of a classroom setting and it was mentioned at the AEC to consider having the meetings there, instead of at Mohave Middle School.

Arts in Ed fieldtrips: no dates given yet for events. Some performances are being looked at is with the Phoenix Symphony, Arizona Opera and the Phoenix Conservatory of Music, in addition to other performances.

Next meeting, 10/9 Topic will be Public Relations & Communication.

- 7.2 Yearbook: there are 27 students that parents have signed off for no photographs/video. Left a message for Sarah to see if we could request parents to sign-off on a letter stating that they authorize their child to be photographed for our yearbook. This is a problem because yearbook volunteers take many group shots of kids on field day, playing, parties. Hopefully we can do that.

8. **Fundraising Report:** Allison Barley

- 8.1 We are pleased with how we think the fundraiser went. The orders should come the week after break. We are still sorting out the final numbers and will have an accurate report at the Nov APT mtg. The second part of the fall fundraiser is the cookie dough sale which runs Oct 21-Nov 4. We are keeping this sale low-key. There will not be additional incentives during the sale. Children can win the regular prizes at the end of the sale for the total amount they sell.
- 8.2 Holiday Angel Program: Angels will be available for adoption starting Nov. 2 during the book fair. Families will be able to pick their angels during the month of Nov. All gifts are due Dec. 9. Please look for a backpack flyer the week of Nov 2 outlining this information.

9. **Volunteers Report:** Mikki Fretz

- 9.1 Need co-chair for Sock Hop 2/5
9.2 Need Co-chair for Carnival
9.3 Grand Canyon Trekkers begins October 20th

10. **Community Information Report:** Lisa Bloom

- 10.1 Directory- The directory is at the printer and should be ready for distribution Friday. The goal is to have the directories sent home before Fall Break. A few extra directories were ordered and may be purchased by joining the APT. If already an APT member, extra directories may be purchased for \$5.00. People can contact Lisa Bloom for purchase.

*****Thank you** to all who helped with the directory this year- Thanks to Becky Alvarez for helping with all aspects of membership and our online registration process. A big thanks to Natalie Lazarr for many hours spent creating a fabulous advertising section. Many thanks go to Mia Kirkwood for countless hours spent creating and maintaining our online registration process and to Dawn Hudson for putting it all together and making it look like a directory! Dani Tiffany deserves a tremendous thanks for keeping track of and maintaining the dues and donations. Thank you to Aimee Fahey and Julie Gildersleeve for helping with advertising, data input, and anything else that needed to get done. And finally, many thanks to all board members who helped support our membership drive- thank you for braving the heat to distribute flyers and to help at the membership table and for recruiting members and answering questions! We had a total of 323 memberships- 296 families and 27 faculty/staff joined the APT. Last year we had a total membership of 320.

- 10.2 Veteran's Day- Carol Shershenovich and Laura St. John are well on their way to making this year's Veteran's day program a success! The celebration will be held on Friday, November 13th at 8:00am. There will be several performances by different student groups- 2nd grade presentation, 4th and 5th grade choir chimes, cub scouts, and band members. New this year will be a book entitled, "Cochise Elementary School honors our Veteran Heroes". Forms and photos for book inclusion must be submitted by this Friday, October 9th. Please contact Carol or Laura with questions.

11. **Past President Report:** Julie Gildersleeve

- 11.1 Cochise Community Carnival – Update: Friday, November 20 6:00 – 8:30 Mountain View Park
Proposed Budget for 2009 Carnival I have set at \$8,500.00 at the most.
Proposed Expenses (so far): Place to Play \$7,500.00 (Toys and prizes will be \$300 and paid for by Parks and Rec. Our actual cost would be \$7,200.00) Games on Wheels/Glamour on Wheels (Mike Faigus 480-250-5907) \$200.00 DJ \$250.00. I have secured 2 bids for the DJ. One from Birkett Entertainment and the other from Living Energy. In 2006, we paid Living Energy \$400.00 and they want to be back at the carnival. Both companies are willing to do the event for \$250.00.

Donation Letters: The Donation Team, Daniel Perez, Sarah Tennant & Keri Wilson have created and are starting to send out the letters to various businesses. We are hoping to receive donations for ice, water, donuts, chips and colored hair spray.

Fry's Market Place has already agreed to provide ice and some donuts! Thanks Fry's and great job team!

Food and Beverages: Snow Cones, Cotton Candy, popcorn, chips and cheese sauce, and water will be offered at the event. Hot Chocolate has been mentioned as a nice option. NO DINNER FOODS (But Subway is around the corner)

Carnival Ticket Presale will begin Friday, November 13 - Wrist Bands will be sold this year in addition to regular tickets! Price will be \$20 to \$25 and will include all rides and activities but not food/drinks.

There will be a special presale price of \$20 for 44 tickets. Individual tickets will also be sold at .50 a piece during the presale and the night of the event.

Other notes: Erin McKallor-Quill, our contact at Mountain View Parks and Rec, has the K-9 Police Unit confirmed. She is waiting to hear back from the Mounted Patrol, Park Unit, and Fire Dept. Electrician is lined up which means we have lights and power!

11. **New Business:**

- 11.1 Add'l kinder water table needed. Julie G. motioned to purchase water table for kindergarten for \$412.37–Yolanda seconded the motion – motion carried.
- 11.2 Julie G motioned to purchase Art Masterpiece card for \$110 max including taxes and shipping – Yolanda seconded the motion – motion carried.
- 11.3 Fabi motioned to replace prints for Art Masterpiece for \$105 – Dani seconded the motion – motion carried
- 11.4 Teach Book Study books needed for \$990 – Allison Barkley motioned to purchase books for \$990 – Mikki seconded the motion – motion carried.
- 11.5 Next General APT Meeting November 4, 2009 at 11 am in Science Lab

13. **Meeting Adjourned:** 11:17 a.m.