

## CMS PTO Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2016

**Call to Order:** 1:30pm

**In attendance:** Ken Griest, Dan Morgan, Lisa Morgan, Lauren McPherson, Kristin Hunter, Stacy Meheen, Kris Gibbs, Murial Lin, Kath Uyeda, Laura Dare, Cindy Schroeder, Nakelle Fitzpatrick, Kristi Blakely, Arline Armstrong, Deirdra Hamilton

**Welcome and Introductions:**

**Treasurers Report:** Stacy/Kristin: Please see attached reports.

7<sup>th</sup> grade end of year party to Raging Waters was extremely expensive, \$9,471. Parents paid \$5,000 because the price for each 7<sup>th</sup> graders was \$35. The price for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders was \$50, and they went to Great America. The kids loved Raging Waters and we might want to increase the price for this years 7<sup>th</sup> graders so it won't be such an expense to CMS. As always if a child can't afford the price, the PTO will pay. The buses were the biggest expense.

We upped Habitat Maintenance to \$6,000 this year from \$4,500 last year.

Nancy Fowler Scholarship, new line item, \$2,000, 3 students will receive the scholarship annually. Need to find someone to administer the Scholarship.

We have reserved \$2,500 for a speaker presentation fee if Dan finds someone the money is set aside.

PTO computer is available for pick up from Doran Atherton

Campus Investment, this is for the Amphitheater, we have a line item for \$60,000 to build the first half.

**Serve-A-Thon:** Looking really good for volunteers, only need 3 more for Serve-A-Thon activities on Friday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Last year we spent \$9,435 on expenses for the Serve-A-Thon. This year expect to spend \$13,000. Should we lower expected income of \$85,000 since we didn't promote the Amphitheater in the information that went out to the parents to the full extent? The consensus was to keep it at \$85K. Dan Morgan will address the Amphitheater in this week's Friday email regarding the importance of the school improvement project.

Cindy has permission slips ready for off campus activities. She has plenty of volunteers to count money on Wednesday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> when the sponsorship forms and donations are due.

**Grade Reps:** We have grade representatives for all grade levels. Angie will email all reps asking to join us for PTO meetings.

**CMS Magnets/Spring Dance Update:** Thinking of providing CMS magnets for cars that have the Cougar mascot on it. River, Tularcitos and CHS already have magnets. Angie will look into it.

Spring Dance: we would like to move the Spring Dance to St. Patrick's Day, March 17th . Too much going on in April, such as sports and other school commitments

**Ways and Means:**

1. Nikole Chupka \$308. For prizes from last year
2. Mr. Steely \$536. Bird seed for project, feeding watch education
3. Mr. Steely \$2,724 for binoculars, \$90 each. Steely would like his own set. The PTO recommended asking FOCUS for \$1000 grant. Stacy wants to approve money if FOCUS doesn't fund the \$1000 grant then PTO will pay.

Stacy moved to approve all 3 budget requests. **ALL APPROVED**

**Principal's Report:** Ken updated us on the Amphitheater, we need an architect. Once Dan Paul has site plans we can get bids. Ken wants to move forward with this exciting project that the kids would benefit from.

At the most the Amphitheater would be 3 feet tall, so no railings would be necessary. Process is pretty quick once we get the bids. The school board is in favor of the project, it's at no cost to them.

The transition at CMS is going well, a new Interim Assistant Principal has been hired, Blaise DiGirolamo. He was the Assistant Principal at Salinas High School. Dan Morgan is hard at work. Ohano Day went well, as did Challenge Day, a lot of organization goes into both these worthwhile events.

Everyone wished Ken the best in his new position as Interim Human Resource Director and Dan the best as Interim CMS Principal.

2:35pm - Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 5, 2016 **CANCELLED**