

Clemson Elementary PTA

Board Meeting
November 11, 2019

Opening

The Board Meeting of the Clemson Elementary PTA was called to order at noon on November 11, 2019, in the Clemson Elementary conference room by Amy Wolin.

Present

Claiborne Linvill, Nicole Bennett, Cary Berkeley Kaye, Pam Warren, Sandy Linder, Amy Wolin, Julie Simoneaux, Melinda Schmidt, and Kelly Boland

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were amended re: status of crossing guard position for Frontage and Berkeley. Cary Berkeley Kaye moved to approve, Sandy Linder seconded, all agreed.

Committee Reports

A. President Items – Amy Wolin

- a. Finishing final surveys and submissions to receive Nestle grant for Healthy Hydration event. Melinda Schmidt reported positive feedback from teachers and participants.
- b. Amy Wolin is working with Mathnasium for a math night. They would supply free activities. \$170 left from Healthy Hydration grant could help fund snacks and prizes. Proposed dates: January 23 or January 30—checking with school for conflicts. Possibility of using volunteer labor from Edwards/Daniel/Clemson math clubs.
- c. Addition of math night in the winter would change spring event to a fundraiser.
- d. Matt Culberth of Clemson PD contacted PTA to ask for help soliciting DOT to add stop signs at Frontage Rd and Berkeley Rd intersection. Claiborne Linvill volunteered to write an email that could be distributed to families as a template for appealing to DOT. She will check with Mrs. Craddock/Clemson PD about best way of approaching DOT.

B. Budget – Pam Warren

- a. No numbers yet on Art by Me, but Shannon Quattlebaum reported lower participation rates and the fundraiser is labor-intensive—consider discontinuing?
- b. Donations at \$5,080 of projected \$6,000. Membership has reached 234 out of a hoped for 250. Seven teachers applied for mini grants; grant applications are due in December.

C. Apparel – Amy Wolin

- a. Orders due by Friday, November 15, 2019
- b. At present, not enough orders to justify a print run (need 24 of each design). Should PTA meet minimum for print run and plan to sell extras? Waiting to see how many more orders arrive by deadline before making decision whether or not to proceed.

D. Buddy Benches – Marissa McFarland & Jill Shelnut

- a. Display will cost around \$300 and be located in front lobby
- b. Will say “thank you for being a buddy” and have donor names on hearts

- E. Teacher Appreciation – Dana Armstrong & Davis Rapp—volunteers still needed for Wednesday lunch set-up, clean up, and accompanying classes to lunch
- F. Restaurant Nights – Julie Simoneaux
 - a. McTeacher Night November 12 5pm-8pm
 - b. Jersey Mike’s week begins November 18. Copies of flier will be distributed/posted for copying
 - c. December 10 Itsurweiner
 - d. January Your Pie date TBD
- G. Literacy Night – Jill Shelnut and Melinda Schmidt (see note under Committee reports A.a.)
- H. Lost and Found – Kelly Boland: Year’s first walk-through went well. Another walk-through will be set before Christmas break.
- I. Grants – Sandy Linder
 - a. Barn renovation—teachers have been solicited for feedback regarding how barn could be used. Possible interest from Girl Scout troop.
 - b. Sandy Linder will attend upcoming staff meeting (Jan or Feb) to ask teachers what changes/needs could be met by grants so she can tailor applications.
 - c. Spinx grant application due December 31. Will apply for funds for International Festival in February.
 - d. Some Pickens County schools are funding swim lessons for their students. Could a grant fund this for Clemson Elementary students?
 - e. Investigate forging a relationship with the All In Foundation for possible grant opportunities (specifically Literacy Night but investigate other options as well.)
- J. Art by Me – Shannon Quattlebaum (see note under Budget B.a.)

New Business

- A. International Festival is February 29, 2020. Committee is deciding date for 1st planning meeting. Ordering new signage by end of 2019. Number of countries participating has dropped over the past few years—ways to increase this number? Ways to reduce congestion—ban strollers from aisles? Move crafts to science lab so “wings” can accommodate some tables?
- B. Split art sale out from International Festival and create new Arts Festival in the spring? Could include the art show, drumming, plays in the café, awards ceremony for Reflections, chorus/guitar ensemble performances, etc. Add dance-related fundraiser? Mrs. Pernell will be contacted about due dates for Art Show submissions, and Mrs. Craddock will be consulted about overall idea.
- C. Spring event—dance-related fundraiser: sock hop? Dance-a-thon? Decades dance? Nicole Bennett agreed to help with planning once permissions have been granted.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm by Amy Wolin. The next general meeting will be at 7pm on December 9, in the science lab at Clemson Elementary. (**Since, this meeting the Dec meeting has been moved to noon on December 9, 2019, at Clemson Elementary to accommodate the district program “Finnish Strong” that evening.)

Minutes submitted by: Kelly Boland

Approved by: Name

