

Phoenix PTSA
November 8, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Start – Gretchen Dinneen

- Meeting called to order at 6:31pm. Leslie moved and Jen seconded.
- Follow ups:
 - Insurance and SOA checklist: finished with about half of the checklist; state dues and hours submitted.
 - Insurance was updated.
- Minutes – Jen moved to approve and Chandra seconded.

Principal's Minute – Dr. Flynn

- Thank you to PTSA and the greater community for Outsiders Day and Conference night. There were staff meeting treats on Friday as well.
- Saturday – Pancake breakfast. We used to have monthly parent forums to share information, but it is hard to compete with other obligations during the week. Hosting family events on the weekends is a better way to build community. Chris Cakes will be out for the breakfast, and it is also Veterans' Day. The breakfast is free for veterans as a Thank You. There is still time to get a ticket - \$6 for all-you-can-eat pancakes.
- High School sophomores will present *Remember: the Story of Al Price* – he survived the Holocaust, and the play is his life story. The show offered to come to Phoenix and will be here Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Flynn will write something up and email families tomorrow. The play will be performed in the Family Room.
- Turkey Bowl is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving with a thank you notes activity afterward.
- December 5th – next Coffee Talk. We chat through what's happening at Phoenix and ask parents/caregivers for feedback. RSVP or just show up.
- Amanda Pettigrew is planning an in-school Winter canteen for the last Monday before Discovery Days before break. That day will be Winterpalooza and will finish with the canteen. Consider up to \$500 for the canteen to provide lunch for kids. This money will cover a cake walk and decorations.

Bylaw Review – Leslie Jankowski

- Leslie walked through changes which are based on National's current by-laws. Changes of note include wording about diversity and equity and a section about using videoconferencing for meetings.
- The changes will be voted on at the next meeting. The revised bylaws are available for review in Google Drive for 30 days.

Treasurer's Report

- Lela Walker was unable to attend; Gretchen presented the report.
- Gretchen closed out a previously used PayPal account and there was \$900 in found money.
- We started October with \$6,102; ended with \$21,853.
- \$16,777 was deposited from the Direct Drive and new memberships.
- Purchases:
 - Direct Drive prizes (gift cards, chickens, and donuts) – these hit the account in late September/early October.
 - Staff dinner for conferences.
 - Board games for Board Game Club were purchased.
- The school purchased chairs and the PTSA no longer needs to consider Mr. Kabealo and Mr. Estice's request from October.
- Jen moved to approve \$500 for the canteen and Chandra seconded.
- The PTSA needs to have a financial review – Gretchen will put together a committee.

Student Presentations (Discovery Days)

- Anna Blake – Traveled to Cincinnati and shadowed her father. He gave an oral argument for the 6th circuit (Federal appeals).
- Corinne Dinneen – Created/imagined a new type of school system with some elements from the current system. New factors included how to teach kids skills and qualities they need to succeed such as executive functioning, time management, how to manage a household, deal with bills, etc. She is interested in students facing poverty.
- Missy Nandimalla – Baked brownies and lemon bars with her friend Olivia. Missy also interviewed her next-door neighbor, a neurologist. They talked about his path to becoming a neurologist and his interest in the anatomy side. Although she had prepared questions, she only asked one – he answered everything.
- John Alley – Day 1 – Baked Irish Bread and Shepherd's Pie. Day 2 – Shot a mockumentary about his dog.

Dine to Donate Update – Dodd Alley

- Next Dine to Donate is 12/4 at Chipotle. They donate 33% of proceeds; the flier will go out soon.
- Katie has jumped in and booked her first DtoD.
- January's DtoD is 1/8/24 at the Rusty Bucket.
- November is Donate to Dine. There is a week left to bring in items. The winning advisory gets a popcorn party.
- We briefly talked about a spring community builder, such as a Family Cookout.

Staff Appreciation Update – Chandra Demick

- Chandra purchased Jimmy John's for dinner and snacks from Kroger for staff.

- Phoenix is volunteering for buses this year, including spending \$150 for snacks for bus drivers.
- There are a few dates left for sign-ups.
- December will feature Sponsor a Staff Member. Anytime of the month a family can come and bring things for a teacher or staff member. Families will use Sign Up Genius.
- Gretchen brought up families helping with the canteen.

Closing

- Next meeting – Thursday, December 7th at 6:30pm on Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm