

FHCS PTO
December 20, 2017
3:30 pm

Attendees: Estelle Esparza, Amy Bonomolo, Christl Honiball, Lisa Ristuccia, Theresa Hugunin, Theresa Herman, Shannon Lorange, Devri Quintana.

1. Gala – 14 April —By next meeting on Wednesday, January 10:
 - need to double check other venues/costs (Christl & Devri, Amy) Community Center, Saddle Bronc, Desert Canyon Golf, Rio/Tonto Verde, VFW, Kiwanis, Engler Family, and Fort McDowell Adventures.
 - Need to start to solicit the businesses for donations – need more help, send out all call on this
 - Time Capsule – each class collect items to put in. Important that we record where buried.
 - Wall of Spirits- solicit family donations of beer or wine to include in the raffle
 - Baskets/Projects from each classroom
2. Estelle Esparza was voted in unanimously as treasurer. She will bring books up to date in QuickBooks. Cheryl left books with Becca. Thank you Estelle!
3. Communication- needs improvement—need to give parents at least 1 week reminder of when pto meetings are so can plan, post on website, all call, etc; also need to be confidential – when send emails out that already have from signup lists send in the BCC section so all the emails are not floating around.

Action Items:

- Devri will send reminder to Becca to send out all call email one week prior to pto meetings.
 - Estelle will work on Facebook page updates. Need to be very cautious because there are 3 kids who are not allowed to be photographed or in the public.
4. Box Tops-
 - Cristyl will look into deadlines
 - Print sheets for younger classes to add box tops
 - Contest with winner for classroom with most box tops?
 5. Valentine's Sweetheart Dance
February 9

Action items: Need someone to check into pasta costs from hills/Phil's or Rosati's
Photographer – Lisa if she is off she will volunteer
Check supplies for decorations
Create Flier
DJ – Massimo ? volunteer hours- alumni now in hs at ds canyon

6. Town Hall- Problem/Solution- Theresa Herman contacted town about getting our middle schoolers involved in a town problem and coming up with a solution (ie, recycling, etc).

7. Ambassador Families- before March- Theresa Herman would like to see 3 families identified in FHCS that can be ambassador families for new students. Resource for questions, welcome wagon. Esparza and Honiball families were suggested. It might be good idea to have one ambassador family for each classroom.
8. To help build community- Theresa Herman suggested Family Game Night—Every family brings a game and play in the gym. Other suggestions included kid’s movie night, donuts/coffee with the pto.
9. STEM- how do teachers feel about it?
Feedback, requires funding, training, 6 month implementation, a lot involved.
Theresa suggested a program that is self-taught, if kids like it, talk to parents.
Grants are available need someone who has a skillset to write for grants. Ms. Lorance gave one she previously wrote at different school to Michael Bashaw and Becca. Not sure if anything ever done with it. Lisa suggested HS to get involved for their volunteer hours.
10. 8th grade legacy gift—Ms. Lorance said they usually buy a plant and have ceremony to plant in the courtyard. Theresa Herman suggested have a tile plaque referencing donation by specific class of 20XX.
11. Other fundraising ideas:
 - Target/Walmart ask at beginning of month- they have monthly amounts they donate
 - Tiles
 - Little Caesar Night
 - Senior Taco