PTA Meeting Minutes—Nov, 18 2015

Members present: Barbara Elliff, Catherine Friend, Maureen Osler, Jenn Benecke, Teresa Archer, Patti Mosko, Kelly Williams, Amanda Belt, Leigh Ann Platt, Trina Estrada Good, Lindsey Olsen, Dona Harris, Ruth Drickey, Amanda Belt, Jessica Lewis, Samantha Goldstein, Karina Agudelo, Jennifer Parris, Stephanie Schoennauer, Fatina Williams, Stephanie Birdwell, Spike Bighorn

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

President: Barbara Elliff: Welcomed all members. Motion to approve meeting minutes from October by Catherine Friend, seconded by Leigh Ann Platt. Commended everyone on getting their flyers approved on time. Taxes submitted to IRS on Nov 10, 2015.

VP: Catherine Friend: submitted 18 new memberships this month, total of 281 memberships (214 families, 67 staff). Dues due to Fairfax County on December 1st. Membership perk for holiday market will be one-hour early access to the market.

Treasurer: Leigh Ann Platt: $19,628 balance, Hayfield Happening and Clair’s Gourmet the biggest fundraiser this month. Spirit wear, online sales so we have actually sold more than reflected, sales are below what they were last year and we don’t know why, maybe the fact that there was no back to school night and no fall field day this year. President stated that Trina brought in $1800 more and spent $600 less than projected. Motion to approve by Catherine Friend, seconded by Maureen Osler.

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Parris: nothing to report

Corresponding Secretary: Maureen Osler: directories were distributed. They are available for purchase in office for non-PTA members.

Principal: Jessica Lewis: 2016-2017 school calendar has been created and will go to school board, proposed calendar will start after labor day, and have an 11-day winter break. If we get 5 school days off (due to weather etc), we ask to get a waiver to start one week before Labor day. Will take it to school board before it is official. 2 hour delayed opening on March 1st (for primaries). Budget issues/questions, what can Hayfield families do to get their voice heard to Board of Supervisors? Need more individual voices to contact board of supervisors via phone call, email etc. Ms. Lewis, couldn’t find an email address at this time, but there is an online form to fill out and the phone number is 703-971-6262. Our rep from Lee District is Jeff McKay (can contact his office as well).

VP: Samantha Goldstein: Thank you for Hayfield Happening, staff breakfast, help on veteran’s day etc. Traffic update: on telegraph road and in Hayfield Farm. These location are off school grounds so the school can not control and we did not qualify for a cross walk, however VDOT will paint lines and other traffic control items. If you require more info, please contact Ms. Goldstein.

SCA: Ruth Drickey: Kids enjoyed half time on the field at homecoming. 1 of 2 ES there. No spirit day in December, but there will be an Angel Tree. New unwrapped, hats, scarves, mittens, headbands and new and unwrapped toys. (will be stored away from front door). Angel Tree will be available from Thanksgiving until Dec 15th.

Holiday Market: Jenn Benecke: Market is Dec 4th, the products have arrived and are in the closet and will be sorted on Thursday. Flyers will go home this Thursday. We had earned bonus points from the last year and we redeemed them for a Kindle. Sign up on signup genius to help volunteer.

Ways and Means: Teresa Archer: $2, 074 profit for Claire’s Gourmet, 8% participation. Pam will research for the spring fundraiser possible a read-a-thon or walk-a-thon. Need more volunteers to make these things happen.

Spirit Wear: Kelly Williams: We had a successful FIRST online store with minimal hiccups. Our online holiday market is underway, closing on November 22nd. We sold Spirit Wear at the Book Fair & are planning to have a table at the Holiday Market. We continue to support “Hawks Soar Around the Nation”.

Rewards: Patti Mosko: 220points for labels for education, $863 for giant reward programs, Mid-Dec, 2016-2017 CFC application submission. Amazon smiles, $24.00.

Cafeteria: Karina Agudelo: they have a core group of volunteer but still need more. Cafeteria hostess position has been filled for 3days a week. Hopefully, she will be able to start soon. Discussion on how to get more volunteers.

Volunteer Coordinator: Lindsey Olsen: nothing new, just sending out volunteer info, Mentioned Fairfax county PTA best practices Facebook page.

Social: Trina Estrada Good : Was told by 1st grade teacher that she was not allowed to have class email list (Ms. Lewis will look into policy). Hayfield happenings, pre-orders $3100, $15 average per family, $4035 collected night of event (all better than last year). Bigger turnout this year. Food trucks were supposed to give back 10%, but only one has so far. T-shirts were a big hit, sold 95. Some complaints: Food trucks were expensive, lines were too long for face painting, tickets needed for facepainters (vs playband), cut off at end of the night. Suggestion for times per grade (like K-2 for the first hour), Trina, said there were games that were grade specific. Question about going outside for some activities, too dark at night, too many little kids.

CAPs: Amanda Belt: Colonial day in January, $135-150 for PTA portion, Joe Romano booked for June 8th ($850) same as last year, Reading magic for all grades

Library: Dona Harris: Book Fair, $300 increase from last year; $15,903 in total sales, $3900 donation to school. Spring one will be held in April.

Spirit Night: Monica Bilger: we earned $225 from Olympians, Nov 30th @Ledos Pizza

Legislative: Julianna Henderson (not present) There is one new at-large school member who was elected on Nov. 3rd. Jeanette Hough edged out Ted Velkoff, who had been a member of the school board since 2012. The other two incumbent at-large school members, Ilryong Moon and Ryan McElveen, were re-elected. Tammy Kaufax was unopposed in her bid to retain the Lee District seat on the school board.

It was pretty much status quo for the county and legislative races: Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay ran unopposed and Sharon Bulova easily won re-election as Board of Supervisors Chair as did inbumbent state Sen. Adam Ebbin, while the Democrat running for state Delegate from our district ran unopposed

Reflections: (not present) finalist submitted to the county

After school activities: (not present) going well, registration for winter activities in Dec.

Upcoming, Jan 5th next PTA meeting 7:00

Holiday Market, Dec 4th

Teacher Holiday Luncheon, Dec 14th

Jan 12th: PTA planning meeting (brainstorm session).

Question about snow day notifications by parent.

Meeting adjourned. 8:12pm