Charter PTO General Meeting

December 6, 2016

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by Clint Johnson. 22 people were in attendance.

II. Minutes for the August 25, 2016 meeting were moved for approval with a second by Carrie Kennedy-Lightsey.

III. Officer Reports
   - Treasurer, Emily Penney, shared that the PTO funds as of December 5, 2016 is $13,122.73. 2nd and 4th grade learning trips have not been taken out yet. As of this time no author has been found for the Author Visit so there is a $1,000 surplus. Jana McCall has looked into finding someone but it is too costly for a one day visit. There is no longer a contact with Raguet Elementary and NISD to piggy back with their author visits. PTO will look into what might be a needed purchase for the school that will benefit the students with surplus money. Two table clothes with Charter on them have been purchased with PTO funds.

IV. Committee Reports
   - Fundraising – Jane Long is chair. Clint reported the event to be a great success with a $17,490 gross and $15,373.66 net profit.
   - Yearbook – Carrie Kennedy-Lightsey is the chair. Carrie reminded everyone to upload pictures to Pictavo. There are several pictures for Tears and Cheers as well as Walk-a-Thon but more are needed for Homecoming, Purple Santa, and Veterans Day. If you don’t want to upload pictures burn a CD and leave it in the office for Carrie.
   - Fall Festival – Lori Harkness is the chair. Clint reported that the event was a success.
   - Pay It Forward – Rebecca Higgins is chair. The Pay It Forward committee planted a tree in the back garden between the two playgrounds in memory of a student that was killed in a car accident a few weeks before school. Thanks to Charter parent, Matt Romig, for all his help in getting the tree donated and planting the tree for PTO. The tree and mulch were generously donated by the SFA Agriculture Department. Thanks for all who brought toys for the Purple Santa event.
   - Homecoming – Amy Mooneyham reported that the Charter school won second place in the parade. The $250 prize money will go back into the Homecoming budget for next year with possibly using that money to purchase vinyl signs that can be used every year.
• Family Event – Liz is chair. The committee is working on coming up with a fun event.
• Teacher Appreciation – Carmen Mackey is chair. Lunch will be provided before Christmas break.
• Membership – Beth Ainsworth and Kendra Stockman are co-chairs. Clint thanked them for their behind the scenes work and for putting together a spreadsheet of members and committees they volunteer for.
• Father Daughter – Jamie Cupit is the chair. Amy Mooneyham reported that an email save the date will go out before Christmas break and a paper invite will go home the Monday after Christmas. The SFA Grand Ballroom is reserved for January 21, 2017.
• Mother Son – Ms. Kat and Ms. Natalie are co-chairs. They are working on attending a baseball game for the event.
• Book Fair – Angie McKinney is chair. Clint reported that the theme is Happy Camper. The Book Fair is scheduled for May 15-19, 2017. Olga expressed concern that the book prices seem to be increasing. Amy Mooneyham suggested that Angie McKinney contact Scholastics about this concern and see if more discounted books and a wider range in prices could be sent. PTO has no control of the prices of the books. Rebecca Higgins mentioned Angie was open to having a section of the book fair for low end priced books. Lysa Hagan reminded the group that the book fairs original purpose was to provide students with books to read over the summer.
• End of the Year Party – Brandy Brown is the chair. Event is scheduled for May 26, 2017 from 4-7pm.

V. New Business
• Charter students sent thank you notes for the T-shirt PTO purchased for them at the start of the year.
• Lysa Hagan thanked the Teacher Appreciation committee for all they have done to help encourage teachers this year.
• Olga suggested that ideas should be brought to the next meeting on how to spend the surplus funds. Lysa Hagan reminded PTO that the students who raised the funds should benefit from their efforts.
• Olga is chairing the school recycling program. It has gone well but she will be open for help next year.
• Next PTO meeting will be February 7 at 5:45pm.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.