Charter PTO General Meeting

February 7, 2017

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:50pm by Clint Johnson. 22 people were in attendance.

II. Minutes for the December 6, 2016 meeting were moved for approval with a second by Emily Penney.

III. Officer Reports
    - Treasurer, Emily Penney, shared that the PTO funds as of February 2, 2017 is $11,679.25. Expenses from Father Daughter, Teacher Appreciation, Fitness Day, Author Visit, and some learning trips have not been taken out yet.

IV. Committee Reports
    - Family Event – Liz Puffer is chair. Clint shared that Rose Lake Ranch has been reserved for March 24 from 4:30 – 6:30pm. Families will get to enjoy a petting zoo. Volunteers are needed to help the day of the event. Be looking for more information as the event gets closer.
    - Teacher Appreciation – Kim Bowyer is chair. Carmen Mackey shared that teachers were treated to coffee and sweets from Nothing Bunt Cakes out of Tyler on Tuesday. Lysa Hagan shared how all the teachers loved the treats.
    - Yearbook – Carrie Kennedy-Lightsey is the chair. Clint reminded everyone to upload pictures to Pictavo.
    - Pay It Forward – Rebecca Higgins is chair. The Pay It Forward committee will be delivering Valentine’s cards that the students are making for different members of our community (police officers, fire fighters, and residents in nursing homes) on February 14.
    - Membership – Beth Ainsworth and Kendra Stockman are co-chairs. Names are being collected for those interested in holding a PTO officer position for next school year. After Spring Break they are going to post the positions and a description of each position on the PTO bulletin board. If anyone is interested in running please contact either chair.
    - Father Daughter – Jamie Cupit is the chair. Jamie shared that there were some unforeseen cost increases. In place of a photo booth was a selfie booth which seemed to be well liked by all. Clint said from a dad perspective he liked the selfie booth. The dj recommended by Carmen Mackey did a great job. Lysa Hagan said the dance was fabulous. The SFA Grand Ballroom is already reserved for February 10, 2018.
    - Mother Son – Ms. Kat and Ms. Natalie are co-chairs. April 8, 2017 at 2pm mothers and sons are invited to attend a SFA baseball game. Ms. Natalie
was given 100 free tickets donated by her husband. If more tickets are needed they can purchase more or try to get them donated. The committee is working on getting each boy popcorn, a drink, and a baseball that can be signed after the game by the SFA players. They are also looking at getting the Charter students to walk out with the SFA players before the game and be introduced on the field. Beth Ainsworth will send the chairs a list of PTO members who volunteered to help with this committee.

- **Book Fair** – Angie McKinney is chair. Clint read an email sent by Angie. The Book Fair is scheduled for May 15-19, 2017 with a Happy Camper theme. Volunteers are needed to help provide treats, set up, take down, run registers, and decorate. Angie is working on including a Pay It Forward event during the book fair. Rebecca Higgins shared that gently used books might be collected during the book fair to donate or even be used as a type of book exchange.

- **End of the Year Party** – Brandi Brown is the chair. Event is scheduled for May 26, 2017 from 4-7pm. Clint reported that volunteers are needed.

### V. New Business

- **Author Visit** – Jana McCall shared that she just received an email today from Brian Burns, author of Once Upon a Time in Texas. Brian Burns target audience is grades 2 – 8 but is willing to do K – 5 in one group setting. Jana estimates the cost to be about $500. Jana asked for some volunteers to help with this event.

- **Excess Funds** – Clint shared that PTO would like to use the excess funds for this school year towards the purchase of instruments to use in music. The SFA School of Music will no longer be in the same building as the Charter School so the access Charter has had with their instruments will be gone. Kelly Finnerud has generated a list of instruments she would like for the music room. Clint moved that PTO vote on using excess funds towards the purchase of instruments for the Charter School. Emily Penney second the motion and it was passed with an unanimous vote.

- **Child care** – Clint reminded PTO members that ECHO is an early childhood organization who provides free child care during our meetings. Parents who use this service are asked to help clean the room at pick up so it can be ready for morning use.

- **Next PTO meeting** will be May 16 at 5:45pm. Since this meeting will be held during the book fair PTO will open the fair for shopping. Elections for officers will also take place during this meeting.

### VI. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.