Charter PTO General Meeting

February 12, 2015

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Jane Long. 20 people were in attendance.

II. Minutes were approved for the November 18, 2014 meeting by Kim Lambert.

III. Officer Reports

• Jane Long reported for Treasurer, Kelly Finnerud. The budget is in good shape for the rest of the school year. An increase next year’s budget needs to be considered for the learning trips due to inflation costs for these excursions. Kelly Finnerud will not be running for reelection for treasurer. Jane Long asked for PTO members to consider running for the position.

• Jane Long also reported that PTO is discussing with the Charter School kitchen about costs for them to provide the treats for the Book Fair as well as Tears and Cheers.

IV. Committee Reports

• Walk-a-Thon- Lisa Daily and Angie McKinney were co chairs. Jane Long reported that the SFA Development Office has approved the use of credit card donations for next year. The Development Office will also assist in counting the money collected by students that are turned into the school.

• Teacher Appreciation- Mercedes Franks and Nikki Wallace are co chairs. Jane Long reported that treats were given to the teachers the week of February 9-13. The committee also has plans to show our teachers appreciation during the weeks of March 23, April 13, and May 18.

• Yearbook- Andi Howell is the chair. Jane reported that PTO will purchase each classroom teacher a yearbook as well as one yearbook to keep in the office.

• Pay It Forward- April Davis and Rebecca Higgins are co chairs. Jane Long reported the recycling program has been successful with Ms. Ragan assisting in sending out reminders to the volunteers who have signed up to take the recycling. Valentine cards written by students were given to the local police department, fire department, military offices, nursing homes, and assisted living to show their appreciation for their services. Cards will be delivered February 13 by the Pay It Forward committee members.

• Membership Committee- Beth Ainsworth and Kendra Stockman are co chairs. Recruiting for the May 5 elections have begun. If you are interested in running for a PTO executive position please inform the Membership committee chairs.
• Father/Daughter- Aimee Stone is the chair. Jane Long reported that the dance went smoothly. Discussion was held about the cost and efficiency of the photo booth. Amy Mooneyham suggested looking into SFA Public Affairs office for help with next year’s dance. Ms. Elaina brought thank you notes from some of the girls in her class.

• Mother/Son- Michelle Cox is the chair. Michelle Cox reported that the event will be attending a SFA basketball game on February 21. Poster making and face painting will be the activities before the game begins. At this time 122 mothers and sons are signed up to attend. The committee is looking into getting concessions provided or discounted and they still need volunteers who are willing to face paint. Michelle is hoping to arrange a video spot during the game and a chance for the Charter group to meet the players. Charter teachers who are attending need to RSVP so an accurate ticket count can be had for purchasing. Ideas were discussed about how tickets were going to be distributed. Linda Bobo suggested leaving a list of attendees with Will Call and Jan Wisener suggested having a volunteer in the ticket booth.

• Book Fair Committee- Lorelai Gotcher is the chair. Jane Long reported that PTO will run the book fair this year for the first time. PTO will keep all profits made from the fair which is estimated to be about $1,500. Event is set for May 11 – 15 with an Under the Sea theme. Amy Mooneyham suggests that things get started for the event in March.

• End of the Year Committee- Lorelai Gotcher is the chair. The event will be held at the SFA pool on the last day of school, May 28.

• Bylaws Revision- Linda Bobo is the chair. SFA’s General Counsel has approved the Bylaws which are currently posted on the Charter School website.

V. Old Business

• Author Visit- Jane Long shared that author and illustrator, Don Tate, from Dallas will be coming to visit Charter School on February 13. He will provide three presentations with two grade levels in each of the sessions. A free presentation will be given to PreK II. Rebecca Higgins and Amy Hook will be coordinating getting the ordered books signed and delivered to the classrooms.

VI. Announcements

• May 5, 2015 will be the last general PTO meeting for the school year. Elections will be held at this meeting. Dues for next year will be accepted at this meeting if members wish to pay early. Jane Long hopes to have the chair positions filled for the Back to School and Tears and Cheers events by the end of the May meeting. Jane Long also shared PTO will have a recruiting table at Kindergarten Round Up.
• Spring Break is March 16-20
• No school on April 3, April 6, and May 25
• Fitness Day will be May 15 run by Coach Blake. PTO provided $500 for this event. Coach Blake will be sending out a sign up for volunteers to help run stations for the event.
• Last day of school is May 28

VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm