Charter PTO General Meeting

May 5, 2015

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Jane Long. 25 people were in attendance.

II. Minutes were approved for the February 12, 2015 meeting by Kim Lambert.

III. Officer Reports

- President, Jane Long shared thank you notes from the Charter students thanking the PTO for all they have done for them this year.
- Vice President, Linda Bobo had no report but thanked Jane Long for her work this year in leading the PTO.
- Faculty Liaison, Jana McCall expressed the teachers’ appreciation to the PTO for all that they have done for them this year.
- Treasurer, Kelly Finnerud reported that there is a $2,900 profit remaining in this year’s budget not including the expected $1,500 plus from the upcoming book fair.

IV. Committee Reports

- Teacher Appreciation- Mercedes Franks and Nikki Wallace are co chairs. Jane Long reported that the only expense for the committee was $175.67 for the fall luncheon and all other items for the year were provided by volunteers.
- Yearbook- Andi Howell is the chair. Jane Long reported that PTO will purchase each classroom teacher a yearbook as well as one yearbook to keep in the office. Orders can be done online. Trina Menefee requested that group shots of students that have been taken throughout the year from teachers be placed on a jump drive so someone from the committee can come and get them.
- Pay It Forward- April Davis and Rebecca Higgins are co chairs. Rebecca Higgins recapped on this year’s events sponsored by this committee: Purple Santa, shoe drive, Valentine’s letters to community service workers, Haiti project, and recycling bins within the school. The idea of a used book drive, food drive for the SFA food pantry, and plastic bottle recycling bins were mentioned as possible projects for next year.
- Membership Committee- Beth Ainsworth and Kendra Stockman are co chairs. They will be gathering new memberships at Kindergarten Kick Off, May 12.
- Father/Daughter- Aimee Stone is the chair. Jane Long reported that the dance was very successful. A profit was made on the dance this year. Discussion was held about how to make this a free event for next year. The event cost about $1,060 and ticket sales brought in about $1,100. DJ expenses will increase for
next year. Discussion on alternative ways to do the photo booth to save money was discussed. Olga Minich suggested looking to see if the SFA photography department would be interested in helping. Kim Lambert shared about looking into University Rentals selfie photo booth for $95. Lauree Sutton suggested looking into who did the pictures at the kite festival. The Grand Ball room has already been reserved for next year’s dance in February.

- Mother/Son- Michelle Cox is the chair. Michelle Cox reported that the event, SFA basketball game on February 21, went wonderfully. Aramark waived the popcorn fee and Carla Coffee arranged to have the group meet the players after the game. Each boy received a group picture as a favor.
- 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 - $2,000. Event is set for May 11 – 15 with an Under the Sea theme. Volunteers are asked to sign up on the sign up genius. There will be morning and afternoon times to shop as well as all day Friday during Fitness Day. All volunteers will need to take an online Scholastic register training as well as a SFA recites training which will be sent out via email from Amy Mooneyham. $250 was budgeted for the event which will be going towards food for special shopping events. Monday will be muffins with mom. Wednesday will be grandparents’ day. Friday will be doughnuts with dad. PTO will be purchasing the cookies and muffins through the Charter school kitchen.
- End of the Year Committee- Lorelai Gotcher is the chair. Trina Menefee reported that the event will be held at the SFA pool on the last day of school, May 28. A waiver will be sent home in folders as well as emailed to parents. All students must have a waiver signed before entering the party and must be under the supervision on an adult. An adult can only be in charge of three students if they are six or younger. Charter students only, no siblings, to this event since we are charged per head count as people come through the door. A signup sheet was passed around for volunteers. An estimate of $400 will be spent on pizza and water and $900 for the use of the SFA pool. The fourth grade class inquired if cookies could be provided. Rebecca Higgins motioned that 400 cookies be purchased for $160 and Lauree Sutton second.

V. New Business

- Fitness Day- Coach Blake reported that Fitness Day will be Friday, May 15. He has sent out a sign up genius for volunteers. Thursday, May 14 from 3:00 – 4:30 volunteers will be setting up the stations. Friday, May 15 from 8:30 – 11:30 volunteers will be running the activities for K – 2 and from 11:45 – 2:45 for
grades 3 – 5. Coach Blake requested that volunteers only sign up if they are able to stay for the entire assigned time. Parents are allowed to walk around with their child but no siblings are allowed. The SFA girl’s soccer team has volunteered to help with the event. PTO provided $500 to support this event.

- Elections- Membership Committee co-chairs, Beth Ainsworth and Kendra Stockman, held the Charter School PTO elections for the 2015-2016 school year. The following are the officers that were elected: President Jane Long, Vice President Linda Bobo, Secretary Rebecca Higgins, Reporter Kim Lambert, and Treasurer Emily Penny. Each was elected by a unanimous vote.
- Surplus Funds- Jane Long shared again that we have about $2,900 plus the upcoming profit from the book drive. Discussion was help on how PTO wanted to spend this money. Kelly Finnerud moved that a vote be held for funds to be spent on $1,700 for a teacher shopping spree ($100 per teacher), $1,850 on providing students with SFA Charter shirts for next year, and the remaining $855 to be used at the discretion of the executive board. Trina Menefee seconded the motion. A vote was held with 20 in favor and no oppositions.

VI. Announcements
- No school May 25 for Memorial Day
- Last day of school is May 28

VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm