

Dogwood PTA Board Meeting

September 13, 2011

Recorded by: Kelly Long, secretary

Called to order by Laura Clausen at 9:15 am.

August minutes:

- No amendments.
- Approved as read.

Reports:

Germantown Parks and Recreation – Michelle McDonnell and Kevin Weaver

- Community event calendars are available at the library and the athletic club.
- Upcoming Events
 1. Small Fry Tri – registration deadline extended to September 23.
 2. Basketball sign-ups are through Oct 1 (late registration ends October 15) with a \$90 fee for Germantown residents.

Principal

- Introduction of our PTA/teacher liaisons, Mrs. Lirette and Mr. Bozeman.

Mrs. Fitchpatric

- Reminder of the community service project “Coins for Kids” benefiting LeBonheur. The

classroom with the most money raised will be rewarded with a picnic lunch in the park on Oct 7 (rain date October 10).

- Jim Jagers of New Channel 3 is coming to visit on October 5.

President

- Please review your individual committee budgets for any possible adjustments. Every budget does not need to be cut, but if your committee is able to, please contact Laura Jaggar.
- Target Red cards are a viable means of generating money for Dogwood School. There are currently 61 supporters of this program and Dogwood just received an \$1800.00 check from it. Visa and check cards both contribute to this program.
- The Kroger card program is still being reviewed. PTA cannot get reimbursed for the \$5.00 cost of the card. Payment to our school only begins after \$5000.00 is spent.
- Goodies with Grandparents was a great success. Thank you Tara Teutsch and Malissa Henager!
- The build date for The Delta at Dogwood Park is October 1st. 75 people are needed to work 8am-2pm. Please email Pam Beasley if you can help.

Vice President

- On August 30, the Appropriations Committee met to appropriate \$35,000 in anticipated revenue from our Family Donation Drive. Their recommendations follow:

\$35,000.00 anticipated funds
(\$3,000.00) grade level craft fund
(\$10,000.00) science lab/equipment
(\$2,000.00) ken-a-vision cameras
(\$17,442.00) plus \$3,800.00 matching for promethean boards*

\$2,558.00 Balance left to appropriate

Treasurer

- Please take a look at your budget. The loss of funding from Schnuck's does not presents a dire situation, but something to keep in mind if adjustments can be made.
- Mellow Mushroom night raised \$470.00.
- Many corporations will match individual donations. Look to see if yours is one who will during our Family Donation Drive.

Legislative

- Effective October 1, 2011, there will be a new Shelby County Board of Education made up of 23 members including the current board, the Memphis City School Board and 7 members who were appointed by the County Commission yesterday. The County Commission has drawn the lines of what will be the new districts and appointed one member from each district. The two suburban members include Raphael McInnis of Bartlett and Venecia Kimbrow of Collierville. The election for a new 7 member board will be in August 2012. At this time we should see who is running and if possible vote for someone who will represent Germantown well.
- Melanie attended the Germantown Board of Alderman meeting. At this meeting, the Aldermen (with Chism recusing himself as he is on the school board) unanimously voted to approve a contract with a consulting firm that will be looking into the possibility of Germantown creating its own municipal school district. The study is due to the city in mid January 2012 & will examine the legal aspects to developing a district, the curriculum that will be employed in such a district, and the financial aspects of running a municipal school district. One of the people who spoke at the meeting was from mygermantownschoools.com. You can go to this website to learn more about the movement to create municipal school districts.
- The Germantown Alderman also discussed the Dogwood playground and most of the funding for the playground is coming from a grant from the state and various donations. The city is only having to fund about \$50,000 for the playground which will cost in excess of \$300,000.

Book Fair

- The date for this year's book fair is November 3 from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. We will still have the Cheesecake fundraiser. All proceeds will benefit our library.

Cultural Arts

- Please encourage your kids to enter the PTA Reflections contest. Entries are due Thursday, September 29.
- The Citizenship essay is coming up.

Fine Arts

- Art to Grow is coming to Dogwood from Dixon Gallery Monday, November 1st-7th. The featured artist is Brian Selznick.
- A school wide art show is being planned for April.

Health and Welfare

- Please sign up for a health room shift for October. Email Chii if you can help.

Membership and Directory

- We have 100% membership including both students and teachers!
- 51 grandparents brought in over \$200.

Room Parent

- Class t-shirts should be in by October 1st just in time for the 3rd grade field trip on Oct 6th.
- Room moms have set up Shutterfly sites for their classrooms. Parents should be able to access information and pictures for their individual classes.

Ways and Means

- The donation drive has brought in \$6,118.86.
- Dogwood night at Smoothie King is September 27th from 4pm-8pm.

Yearbook

- 31 Shutterfly websites have been set up. The websites are restricted to classroom access only.
- If you know someone who is “publicity, no”, please ask them to contact Nancy Yenser. If a parent has selected “no” for publicity, their child will not have any candid photos in the yearbook.
- The deadline for 5th grade ads is September 30th.
- December 1st is the deadline to get the ad copy to Nancy.
- After October 30, the yearbook price will increase from \$40.00 to \$45.00.
- January 31st is the last day you can order a yearbook.
- 212 books have been sold. 50 fifth grade ads have been sold.

Teacher Appreciation

- Elfo's is donating the main dish for our teachers for conference night. Holiday Ham is donating the tea. Salad, bread and desserts are being provided by parents. All food will be in the lounge.

The next PTA meeting is October 11th at 9:15am in the cafeteria.

The meeting was adjourned.

