

FOP Board Meeting 9/13/16
6:30 pm / Fieldhouse

Dave Tilson, Erik S., John Marcinek, Lori Zami, Manini Rao, Susan Boyle, Laura Mayer, Carolyn Gordon, Eilene Edejer, Joe Dunn, Jim Crocker

I. Agenda Review /Minutes Approval

II. Midsommarfest Review - \$4,500

CityMade Fest Update – still need 1 volunteer for evening

Back to School Event – funds from apparel and tchotchkie sales – apparel \$ to Nora Hughes to paid for tshirts out of her pocket and rest to FOP (Lynn deposited \$550 to FOP account. Did Nora get reimbursed? DT will check after meeting.)

Manini: Giordano's wants to do a Giordano's Gives event – 15% of all sales to us for one day. Need to choose date. Start with one event and can do others if this is successful. Part of Business Outreach for later in agenda. Giordano's want to do one soon as a trial, on a M-Th. We should choose a Th., possibly 10/6 or 10/13. MR will find out if it includes delivery.

Edgewater 5K: On 9/25 at 8 am need to start promoting. Night before party at the Fireside, with some \$ to schools. Last year we got \$500. Don't need to do anything. We have 31 sponsored spots for students though Orange Shoe. They're doing training here. \$25/student.

III. Treasurer Report

Bank balance: \$33,545, + \$4,500 from Midsommarfest

School balance \$32,894

Waiting for \$30K form Hopleaf, pending deposits.

On hand: \$66,439

Pending deposits: \$100,939

IV. New Business

A. Review Peirce/ Lori's funding needs

- Barrel of Monkeys is TBA, around \$8,500, negotiating price. 4th grade team really wants to work with them
- Dream Big Ingenuity Grant \$15k, 2nd grade
- Giordano Dance 5th covered by Giordano. Need another grade – could be middle school PE. No cost to us
- Argument Centered Ed. \$8250 after Sen . Steans donation. Decreasing funding as staff becomes self sufficient. Terrific feedback from teachers who've done it, and results are amazing. Lori will share write up from last year.
- Kindergarten no program decided.
- Library – asked for additional \$ for other books. \$5k goes a long way but not enough to fund the kind of library envisioned. Peirce doesn't qualify for many

- library grants because of our Free lunch. Wants \$10k up from \$5k, but will stay at \$5k unless we have \$ in the middle of the year and can add to it.
- Dancing with Class. Has been 5th grade, but with lots of partnerships eats up class time, so make this to afterschool subsidized program.
 - GOTR Don't know cost yet. - \$1K
 - Band – fee based program. Don't want to turn kids away. Senn may have an afterschool band program for 7th and 8th graders. Ours then may be for 6th and below. Can we set aside \$? We could pay for his time and parents pay for instruments. Don't know his cost. 100 kids showed up for 1st meeting today. We may have to find additional instructors – Richard will do that. Will be at curriculum night. Will send home a sheet today with instrument. \$130/\$350 per student for 28 classes on Fridays with 2 concerts, Rental separate. Set aside \$4k. Starts at 4th grade.
 - If we fund everything, with Hopleaf and FOP, except 2nd grade Ingenuity Grant - \$50,550 from FOP & \$30K from Hopleaf. Leaves us with about \$20 in budget, which is where DT likes it to be. We can use some circus money.
 - Spend down School \$ first. That account will grow with Fiesta del Arte.
 - Infrastructure – old furniture in bldg that needs to be replaced. Given budget situation maybe FOP could fund. Throughout building. Could look for grants. DT redid office furniture at his job and that company does school grants, also there are family foundations if there are people who could research. Do same for Chrome Books
 - Painting done over summer was \$3-400, with volunteer labor. Because our socio-economic status we haven't gotten much response, like from Target. Ask Home Depot, Clark Devon, Thybony, Crafty Beaver. No time for the engineer to paint, even though he's supposed to. If FOP pays for furniture, no CPS procurement. Computers need to go through CPS. Some grants can work with CPS.
 - LZ will make furniture list: current state with photos, here's what we want to do.
 - DT will figure out which budget get charged for which programs

B. Business Outreach

- Our friend Jason Cox is interim director. Susan, DT and LM met with him over the summer. See FOP Community Partnership description/proposal. LM and SB do leg work to meet with businesses and help them determine what kinds of participation and what level of participation. Make an FOP sticker for business window to brand FOP as our fundraising org for school and to help drive business to the businesses.
- Pork Shoppe - \$1500, 60ish people. The info is on Google Drive that DT has. They want to do another.
- Next steps: qualify business, meet with Chamber of Commerce, SB and LM to have weekly meetings, get businesses from Edgewater 5K, and Manini will put LM in touch with Giordano's Gives. DT will give LM and SB access to

Google Drives. Will explore businesses on Broadway, outside our boundaries.

- Loyalty card to buy for \$15 and when they use them rewards go to Peirce.
 - LZ will write Hopleaf and let them know what we want them to fund.
- C. Jeff has a new baby. Grants to go after are for Chrome books and Infrastructure.
- D. Events: Peirce Day at Hopleaf, DT will check with Pork Shoppe to do another event. LZ says staff happy hours have been at businesses that support us. Have gone to Hopleaf and Pork Shoppe.

LZ: Thank you to FOP for letter writing help to CPS at the end of last year.

Helped Peirce regain \$225K that had been cut.

- lost 4 teaching positions and have larger class rooms in 5th – 31, 4th – 30, 8th – 31/32, we're within union guidelines and are ok. Being more creative with schedules and strategic with Specials has helped. Peirce is short with materials and is prioritizing and teachers are being respectful with what they're asking for. There are some small ticket items that FOP is being asked for.
- Can make a Donor's Choose plan, where we can fund the ones that are close to being funded – we should be strategic.
- Can get a list of Donor's Choose requests. Grants become teacher's property and leave with them if they leave. DC is funded through social media, corporations, some parents, teachers' connections. They're not necessarily critical things, or they'd be on our list.
- 10th day is Monday for student based budgeting. 20th day is 1st Monday in October and is deadline for State \$, to find out if we get additional \$. Today we're 7 kids under enrolled, and they may take back \$ (\$47K). That may be cancelled out because staffing cost less. 933 is enrollment projection, today is at 926. – approx. \$4500/student is what they'll take. Exhausted all wait lists except 4th and 5th. We're fine as long as they don't take \$ back from us.
- Field re-graded question. People came out ran a scope underneath to drainage system and saw no blockage. DT says it's not graded properly and it should be concave – it's not pitched to the drain. Plus, the black stuff from the field ends up in everyone's shoes. Field is 8-10 years old. Safety issue, esp. when it freezes.
- Water fountains outside don't work either.

Adjourned at 8:07