Winooski PTO Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Attendees: Laura Lee, Jennifer Miliza, Kate Simone, Arica Bronz, Joe Smith, Jess Audette, Lucy D'Aponte

Welcome/Introductions

Timekeeper: Lucy was timekeeper.

Land Acknowledgment

The PTO would like to acknowledge that we meet in community on Abenaki land. Our city of Winooski reminds us with its Abenaki name, "land of the wild onion" of the indigenous people that lived and stewarded the land of Vermont long before the Europeans arrived in North America. It is with respect and gratitude that we work towards practices of cultural equity to benefit current and future generations. **Kate read the land acknowledgement.**

Secretary's Report

ACTION: The group approved the April meeting minutes.

April 2021 Treasurer's Report

Income:

Interest \$0.05

Expenses

Funds request \$700.00 (Iftar and VT Patriots scholarships)
Gifts and appreciations \$2115.00 (Teacher appreciation week)
Teacher grants \$492.12 (includes \$50 for 6 liaisons)

Total Expenses \$3,307.12

Total Cash on Hand \$44,441.80

ACTION: The group approved the treasurer's report.

New Business

- Sign-ups for following events:
 - District-sponsored Food Truck Event for the Teachers: Friday, May 21
 - Set up: 10:15-10:45: *Laura and KateS.*
 - Ongoing cleanup: 10:45-1:00: Laura, Sarah, Kate S0
 - Cleanup: 1:00-1:30: Laura, Kate C-S.
 - Support Prom: Saturday, June 5

- Setup: 6:00-7:00: *Laura, Kate S., Joy*
- Cleanup: 10:00-11:00: *Laura, Kate S., Lucy, Joy*
- 8th Grade Move Up Dance: Thursday, June 10 (5:00-8:30)
 - Mix and mingle followed by dance
 - Set up, chaperone, and provide snacks to kids as they leave the dance
 - Updated details (Laura, Amanda, Kate Grodin, Jaycee): Mix and mingle 5:15-6:30, dance 6:30-8
 - Volunteers: Add Arica
 - The event will now have plated food instead of pizza.
 - All three teachers/staff will be on site for the duration.
 - We have a lot of money in the budget for this event (\$800).

Committee Updates

- Fundraising Committee
 - Dog Show, *June 26, 9-1* (Jessica)
 - Update on sponsors (still need 5) plus water to hand out (Jess to talk to Shaws): Need 5 more. Jess reached out to more people (we have Mule Bar, Chicks, Scout, Jrs, Sneakers, Sally's [not a full sponsor]), PFW sponsoring with gift basket. Other ideas: El Cortijo, Our House, Waterworks, Sammy's, Papa Franks, Four Corners, Shafer's Deli.
 - Jess and Kate to work on flyer 5/22.
 - Update on date and time (finally approved)
 - Volunteer list (can we wear matching t-shirts so folks can id us?)
 - Set up- 2 (Arica, Kate, etc.)
 - Registration table- 2
 - Raffle table (need raffle tickets, cash boxes) 1
 - Watchers (need to enforce leash law) 2
 - Tear down (need clean up after pets) 2
 - Runner- 1
 - Extra- 1
 - We need to reach out to additional people (neighbors, teachers, etc.).
 - Let's get Sign-Up Genius going for this once the flyer is done.
 - Concessions (Shop, set up, tear down): *This is like a mini committee,*Jess needs someone to take this on.
 - Confirm money for registration and concessions with Lucy.
 - Additional planning meetings:
 - Wednesday, June 2 at Landry @ Park 5:30
 - Thursday, June 17 @ 5:30 (meeting and sign-making party)
 - When flyer is finalized, we will send an email around for sign-ups. We also need to send to Emily H. to spread the word to teachers/staff/etc.

- Another idea is to have tables (maybe in future years) selling dog-related items. Jess has a lead on a couple of orgs. Are there any crafters we could tap?
- Fun Run (Chris)
- Golf Tournament (Chris)
- Teacher and Staff Support Committee (Kate)
 - o Distribution of cards and gift certificates to all teachers and staff
 - Thank You video posted to Facebook
 - Nice feedback from liaisons and teachers!
- Community Engagement and Inclusion/Antiracism Committee (Arica)
- Boosters Committee (Sarah)
 - Senior baseball/softball/track night is Friday, May 28th at 4:10pm on the baseball field.
 - Boosters will be providing senior pictures and flowers.
 - The High School Athletic banquet will be held on Sunday, June 13th at 6pm in the high school gymnasium.
 - Each athlete may have 2 family members attend.
- Craft Fair Committee (Sarah)
 - Applications will be going out at the end of this month.

2021-2022 Officer Elections

Candidates:

- President: Laura Lee: *The group voted Laura in as president for the 2021-2022 school year.*
- Vice President: Amelie Thurston: *The group voted Amelie in as vice president for 2021-2022 school year.*
- Secretary: Kate Simone: *The group voted Kate in as secretary for the 2021-2022 school year.*
- Treasurer: Lucy D'Aponte: *The group voted Lucy in as treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year.*

End-of-Year Survey (from Officers to Members): Coming soon!

Special Meeting, June 16 at 6:00. Please RSVP to Laura for the Zoom link if you're interested in attending.

Someone asked if there was a minimum number of people to make the meeting successful. Even if it's a small number, the group feels this is a worthwhile exercise.