

Aspen PFA Meeting Minutes- Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

In Attendance: Susan Fujimoto, Valerie Stolworthy, Denise Lucarelli, Kathi Byington, Joyce Ezaki, Melissa Barber, Brianna Allen, Lindsay Leibin, Colleen Poling, Torrie Marsh, Courtney Grosslight, Kiley Duncan, Stephanie Schramm, Mandy Liston, Kamila Schmirlerova, Mae Tietjen, Robyn Moshier, Alison Friedman, Anne Dyer.

7:39 pm Chakameh Azimpour came into the meeting via zoom

Meeting minutes: Looked over May 2021 meeting minutes. Motion to approve made by Mandy Liston, 2nd made by Stephanie Schramm. Approved by Susan Fujimoto.

President's Message (Susan Fujimoto and Valerie Stolworthy):

Susan- Made it to the end of the year! Challenging, but did a great job- thanks to all! Thanks to those stepping up. Looking forward to next year.

Will miss Mrs. Tietjen- all the best to you! You are well loved!

Valerie- Thank you for the 2 years as President, everyone made it an easier "yes" to doing the 2nd year as President!

Special guest- Mrs. Byington- special surprise for Mrs. Tietjen- sent a package home with her. By grade level- every kid wrote a note for her. About 250 pages to read and enjoy. On behalf of the students, we are so grateful for the 3 years you have given Aspen. Taking care of all of us and the kids! Thank you PFA and Susan/Valerie for letting her present in the meeting.

Principal's Message (Mrs. Tietjen):

Thank you for the very thoughtful gift! Big thanks to Susan and Valerie for taking on this role in a year that's been extremely challenging for everyone. PFA has been incredibly successful and so appreciative of the support.

Best community! Thank you for raising great human beings.

Teacher's Message (Mrs. Poling):

Tonight is a night of gratitude. So lucky to live where we live, surrounded by great people and community.

Teachers grateful for PFA in making Aspen the best it can be. Monstrous support and couldn't do what they do without our support.

Ready to wrap things up and look forward to what it will be in the Fall. Wish you all a restful & exciting summer. Looking forward to being the teacher rep next year!

Valerie- check your email (Mrs. Poling & Mrs. Tietjen) - PFA sent you a thank you email/gift!

Treasurer's Report (Augus Harjoto- not in attendance):

Treasurer Report- Susan Fujimoto spoke on behalf of Augus Harjoto

Summary of May 2021 PL

INCOME:

1. We received a check from Box Top \$60.40 (Thank you Joyce)
2. We received a \$90.73 check from the Amazon Smile (again Thank you Joyce)
3. We received \$7,281.28 from the APEX (We will need to share 50% of Gross proceeds with APEX) Thank you Carrie, Mrs. Tietjen and all of you for your donations!
4. Nothing Bundt Cake received \$605.00 and we will still need to pay for Nothing Bundt Cake (Thank you Robyn Moshier) Total is larger as more went into the bank from June.
5. Total Income during May is \$8,037.41

EXPENSE:

1. We reimbursed \$131.11 to Mrs. Farhit for Dreamcatcher (Field Trip)
2. We reimbursed \$318 to Mrs. Poling and Mrs. Button for Build-a-Bear & t-shirts
3. We have \$3 bank charges (monthly statement fee)
4. We paid \$399.38 for PE specialist Ms. Juli-Ann Rice
5. We paid \$298.20 for Dance specialist Ms. Lewis
6. We spent \$327 (\$287 + \$40 Balloon) for Teacher Appreciation Week (Thank you Denise and Stephanie!). There will be an upcoming expense of \$468.37 (total expense \$795.37 for TAW)- shown in June.
7. Total Expenses during May is \$1,476.69

Total Income minus Total Expenses = \$6,560.72

Ending Balance = Beginning Balance + \$6,560.72 = \$21,037.80 + \$6,560.72 = \$27,598.52 (End Balance)

Notes:

- (1) APEX runs in both months of May and June. Therefore, there will be some Income from APEX recorded in MAY PL and some Income from APEX will be recorded in JUNE PL.

(2) As we are approaching the closing of the FY2020-2021, we project that we will have enough fund to start the FY2021-2022.

Thank you all!

Valerie- This gets us closer to being on track for incoming fall. Typically, in the \$30,000-40,000 range is where we like to be starting in the Fall.

Old Business- Robyn Moshier

Apex

Just gross monies coming through account (square). We collect it but then Apex sent what portion is for Apex and what is for Aspen. Portion that August has reported is only for May. Got final #'s of what we made just this morning.

Carrie Halvorsen headed up APEX (not in attendance)- Robyn Moshier gave a report- \$15,337.00- ASPEN portion (roughly \$12,000 went to APEX). Few hiccups of scheduling with Pepper so she wants to hear from the teachers about how they felt.

Mrs. Poling- were hiccups. Always stood behind it and a wonderful program. Between Carrie and Mrs. Tietjen and herself, they were able to figure some things out along the way. Thinks MIGHTY was good, teachers had to fluff it up a bit. Took it as a great learning tool personally. Kids had a wonderful experience. To be honest, she hasn't chatted with other staff members quite yet and she wasn't at school at the end. Know there was some last-minute stuff and frustration and changes (link changes, asking parents help juggle/hassle for some families). Program itself was good, but it could be great (this is her opinion).

When it was on campus, the first few years, it was a 10! This year, I wouldn't give it a 10.

The message and idea are still amazing, however and everyone still benefitted. Has some great ideas on how to make things a little different next year. Going to present Jog-a-Thon etc.

Mrs. Tietjen- only school at the time they were doing and felt like we were sort of an afterthought. Pushing for more communication, little logistical organization pieces we had not experienced in the past- perhaps so late in the school year. Neighboring school raised over \$64,000 by doing it all themselves. Would take a lot of work, but the benefit is there.

Valerie- thank you Mrs. Poling for spearheading this and to start in summer to execute in the fall. This was good, but not great. In the past, we've made a lot more. Grossed over \$27,000 but used to over \$40,000- still impressed with what this year was. Thank you for the feedback.

Voting Items:

Executive Board 2021-2022 Nominee Vote

Anyone who was eligible to vote should have received a ballot this morning via email.

Welcome back Kiley Duncan- she introduced herself. She is up for membership. Daughters will be in 4th and 2nd next year. Family movie night, red ribbon week, gala/parent night are roles she has taken on in the past.

Courtney Grosslight- has an incoming Kindergartner. About to embark on experience at Aspen. Been in Thousand Oaks for 2 years, but husband was born and raised in area. Looking forward to getting involved. Volunteered to be Secretary on PFA. Lot of listening and learning. Excited!

Kamila Schmirlerova - thank you. Son in 1st grade, been in Thousand Oaks for 6 years. Really like Aspen- small school and welcoming. Looking to get involved especially after this last crazy year and what we can do for the school. Parliamentarian as a Co. Love to learn and excited.

Kate Martin- not in attendance – Robyn Moshier’s friend. Co-Ways & Means.

Bring up ballots now. Paid dues and PFA members. Leaving it open until 10 pm this evening. Announcing tomorrow or Thursday the new final slate.

VP of student services – you’ll notice no one was listed but Mia Nelson agreed to do it again for the 3rd year if you want to write her in or can still write in a new name.

Chakameh Azimpour - thank you for stepping up to everyone.

Valerie- thank you to the nominating committee. It’s a lot of work. Starting July 1st with everyone in place.

Non- Voting Items:

None

PFA Board & Committee Reports:

Membership (Anne Dyer):

Nothing this month

Alison Friedman did a direct donation, so Augus marked that under membership.

Ways & Means (Carrie Halvorsen (not in attendance & Robyn Moshier):

Looked into one last restaurant tonight with McDonald’s but they said no to June.

\$577- will net from Nothing Bundt Cake fundraiser. About 291 Bundt cakes. Tomorrow is pick up. Joyce Ezaki- thank you for the adorable toppers! If you take more than one, any type of donation would be great. 10:30-12:30 out front.

Ways & Means- get any additional fundraising ideas that you have seen work. I'm very new and just started Aspen last year with my daughter in Kindergarten. Such a great team and loving the role.

Suggested to maybe first day of school- Dojo Boom or first week or something like that.

Let's steal some great ideas from schools that's working 😊

Has list of open positions and will be chatting it up tomorrow for Nothing Bundt Cakes pick up.

Valerie- lot of open committee positions- especially the ones that come on early in the school year. Nothing Bundt Cakes- thank you Robyn for the successful fundraiser and thank you Joyce for the toppers.

Student Store (Mia Nelson- not in attendance):

Nothing to report.

School Cents & eScrip (Joyce Ezaki):

We were awarded \$500 from the School Cents program. Only 15 schools are allowed to participate, and we were chosen to do it again!

Cash to us this year (different than typically spent at The Oaks Mall). This is awesome.

AOB:

Susan - Next meeting will be sometime in July and we will reach out. We understand July is hard and then one will be in August. Usually when we start talking about budget and then budget voting happens in September. Looking forward to working with everyone next year and exciting going back to a traditional school year.

Alison Friedman- do we think we might continue with zoom or person with PFA meetings?
Answer: We have booked the library for the second Tuesday of every month. But may be able to get some to remote in and accommodate them.

Mrs. Tietjen- if you need more space to social distancing in, ask for the MPR.

Kiley Duncan- Family Movie Night- looks more like it will be in person as of now. Will be happy to do it again (if in person).

Restaurant night to bring to Family movie night, as well potentially. In-N-Out has a minimum (Think it's \$500). Rock Chef Rolls food truck used 6-7 years ago that was good. Think they are based out of Westlake. Possibly Bad Ass Tacos- they do have a truck. Don't know the minimums.

Mandy Liston- thank you on behalf of the PFA members to Susan and Valerie- check your emails- sent something tonight and so grateful for the time, effort and energy and we really appreciate you!

Valerie- Have a wonderful summer! Excited for you all and thank you to all those that served and a fond farewell to those leaving.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Next meeting is sometime in July, 2021 @ TBD