

PTA Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2017 6pm

Grand Canyon School, Room 207

In attendance:

President Cherie Benefield, VP Betsy Donehoo, Treasurer Slim Woodruff, Secretary Kim Besom, Cory Clark, Brenda Clark, Gabino Balbuena, Lisa Otto, Christine Kennedy, Linda Rakow-Schenkoske, Jeanette Scheller, Rose Moquino, Kaylyn Oates, Sara Newton, Dan Tobin, Terry Tobin, Heidi Hoel, Maria Jimenez, Kara Chenevert, Craig Chenevert, Tanya S., Jeanne Yost, Matt Yost, Amy McBroom, Peg Lyle- a grand turnout for the first meeting of the season.

The meeting came to order at 6:03pm.

Agenda:

-Call to order, welcome members and guests

-Introduction of the 2017-18 officers

-Summary of summer events

New bulletin board information center

Updated website- on school site

July 4th fundraiser

“Bottoms Up” clothing donation

Officer training, Prescott

Banners

-New school year reports

Bylaws (vote)

Standing rules (vote)

Treasurer’s report/ 2017-18 budget (vote)

-Fundraising opportunities

GoFundMe donation

Cookbooks

T-shirts, store room

-Upcoming

Movie nights- September date needed

Fall carnival

***Games/candy**

***Lighted bracelets**

New t-shirts

-Guest speakers

Amy McBroom, new t-shirt design proposed

Kerri Nelson, OM and Scholastic Book Fair

-New Programs to support:

STEM/ STEAM- all schools

After school activities? Juggling, other?

Guest speakers- Native American inspiration, suicide prevention, nutritionist, college prep

Honor roll acknowledgement- lockers, other

-Volunteer opportunities

“Engagement strategy” cards- tomorrow 4pm?

Breakfast/lunch buddies in MPR

Classroom help

Breakfast & lunch helpers

Coordinators needed

Communications

Volunteer

Donations

-Meeting Days/ times

-Adjournment

Introductions

President Benefield introduced the board members and attending staff members.

Heidi Hoel offered to put out surveys to parents, teachers and students asking what they hope to see the PTA involved with this year.

Summary of Summer Events

Check out the **new PTA bulletin board** in the 200 building, for updated news about PTA happenings. If any member feels crafty and is willing to volunteer to help keep the bulletin board up to date, please contact any board member. Also check out the **new PTA website** for updated information. It can be reached through the school's website, then by clicking on the PTA link on the left hand side of the page.

At the Tusayan **July 4th celebration**, the PTA sold cotton candy and snow cones, bringing in more than \$300. Thanks to Cherie, Bill, Dan, Kim, Cassidy, Judith, Aiden and Cale for all your help! The PTA plans on participating next year as well.

The PTA donated money to the school's "**Bottoms Up**" program to purchase several pairs of pants that can be used by students who have had 'accidents' at school. They can use school pants rather than having to go home and change.

This year's **PTA Officers** attended required training in Prescott the past weekend. It was found to be very useful.

Returning students and school staff might have noticed several **banners**- made by art teacher Amy McBroom and her students- welcoming them back to school. More banners might be appearing throughout the year. One PTA member complimented the banners.

Fundraising opportunities

The PTA is always looking for fundraising ideas. Please send any suggestions via the PTA email. We will continue to sell **cookbooks** through different sources. We also have a varied mix of other products, including some t-shirts in odd sizes, from previous years.

Cory Clark was introduced. He thoughtfully started a **GoFundMe** page for raising money for supplies for the school. Through the site \$400 was raised, with another \$5100 donated by a single generous donor, for a total of \$5500. The money was meant for the school, until it was discovered that AZ schools can't take GoFundMe monies, so it is instead being offered to the PTA to use to assist the school. A motion was made by Dan Tobin to accept the money, seconded by Linda Rakow-Schenkoske. A single question was raised- if the money was originally raised for buying school supplies, would the PTA be honoring that intention, when spending the money? The motion passed unanimously.

Cory also explained about the Class Wish website, where teachers can post their supply/ needs online and interested parties can purchase items from the list. The school is looking into whether this is allowed in AZ.

Amy McBroom presented a **new t-shirt design** that she had created, that can be used as a PTA fundraiser. She investigated online sites, like Bonfire.com, where the design can be uploaded, and the colors, sizes and prices for products can be chosen. Interested parties can

then order t-shirts online and the PTA can avoid having to purchase large quantities of stock. There is a new crop of teachers that would like to get their GC School logo wear.

New school year reports

After the **Bylaws** had had a chance to make their way around the room, a vote was held on whether to pass them, motioned by Craig Chenevert, and seconded by Sara Newton. They passed unanimously.

Christine Kennedy motioned that we also pass the **Standing rules**, seconded by Betsy Donehoo. They were passed unanimously.

Kara Chenevert motioned that we pass the proposed **2017-18 budget**, seconded by Christine Kennedy. It was approved unanimously.

Budget

Treasurer Slim Woodruff presented the end-of-summer treasury report. Total income for the summer was \$980, from Amazon Smile, the 4th of July sales, membership dues, cookbook and t-shirt sales. Expenses totaled \$1026.91, for insurance costs, teacher appreciation purchases, Meet the Teacher Night ice cream costs, officer required training, and Bottoms Up, bringing our balance to \$10,170.57. Sara Newton motioned to accept the budget report, seconded by Cory Clark. Accepted unanimously.

Upcoming

The PTA would like to continue to offer **Family Movie nights** alternating the locations between the park and Tusayan. Thursdays seem to work well for movie nights. The date of September 14 was chosen, to be held in the Tusayan Town Hall. Jeannette Scheller and Peg Lyle offered to coordinate movie nights.

The **Fall carnival** will be coming up in October. Last year the PTA had a ladder toss game and sold cotton candy. We propose to do the same again and possibly add a table to sell items such as cookbooks, the new t-shirts, as well as personalized light-up bracelets, recently seen at the officer training. Kara offered to look into the bracelet purchase. The PTA is open to having other activities at the Carnival. Please send any suggestions by Saturday September 9, to the PTA email, listed below.

New Programs to support

The PTA listed some of the programs it would be interested in supporting this year:

-STEM/ STEAM activities for all schools, including Legos, Makey Makey, robotics, etc.

-After school activities, including hobbies, arts & crafts, life skills, etc. using community members to teach the activities

-Guest speakers- Native American inspirational speakers, suicide prevention, nutritionist, college prep, etc.

-Honor roll acknowledgement- such as decorating lockers to honor students in different ways

-Coordinating volunteer opportunities for parents to help at school. There is an opportunity to volunteer tomorrow, cutting and laminating cards, at 4pm.

-Breakfast/lunch buddies- an opportunity for parents or community members to come to school and eat with the kids.

-Classroom liaisons for each elementary class, as well as a couple for the middle and high schools to help with communication, needs, etc.

-Coordinators needed- classrooms could use coordinators to assist teachers with:

Communications

Volunteers

Donations

Meeting Days/ times

A date was chosen for the next meeting. We continued with scheduling it for the last Tuesday of the month, and selected September 26, at 6pm. We will also try to alternate between having meetings in the Park and Tusayan.

Fun prizes

The meeting ended with a fun drawing for prizes. Lucky winners were: Dan Tobin, Kaylin Oates, Cory Clark, and Rose Moquino. Congrats!

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:23pm.

The PTA email address is: GCSchoolPTA@gmail.com and the website is: grandcanyonschoolpta.weebly.com

Please send us any comments or suggestions. We love to hear from you.