



## September 12, 2016 Board Minutes

Board members present: Kevin Preas, Melissa Dempsey, Andy Mareska, Becky Paulin, Sue Minnec, Tim McDermott, Ally Bielski, Kristin Green, Perry Devaney

Absent: Fatiana Stobaugh, Paula Lindeman, Mary Anne Callahan, Jill Harmon, Cheryl Curry

Guests: Heather Kwitschau, Kathy Evangelista

Meeting commenced at 6:29

The minutes from August were approved.

### **Guests**

Heather Kwitschau and Kathy Evangelista reported on the resale. Receiving night was the same night as curriculum night which caused them to lose a few volunteers. However there were more AGS volunteers than in the past.

Final Count for 69 sellers was:

\$12,304

Amount to school \$4927.84, minus a few more expenses

This was about a 40% return.

Sales went up as well as the percentage that the school got.

There were a lot of AGS PTO sales. (items donated)

Negatives – PTO has a small amount of presence for the sale and support leading up to it. There were issues with signs and needing more signs out there. Frank Mears (of Campana) needed more insurance for the signs. So if the sign falls or blows and damages somebody, he is covered.

The committee needed more support from the treasurer, the treasurer was not present, therefore the PTO winged it. There is a lot of cash that needs go be handled.

The lack of presence and checks and balances may affect the 501C3 status.

The technology was improved.

Gus's gift card may start in September around the 20<sup>th</sup>. Will try to sync it again with Dine Around.

### **Treasurer, Andy Mareska**

Field trip information. Diana gave Andy number breakdown of children. \$16/kid for transportation on field trips.

The budget has been sent out to the PTO.

Quickbooks online server bill came up due. Andy has not renewed it yet, because he felt the bank account and budget tracking seemed to be able to keep up with everything. Quickbooks seemed repetitive.

Andy moved to strike quickbooks, Kevin seconded, it was approved.

\$201 made off of the pie throwing contest at the block party.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP/President**

Melissa reported for Fatiana. BIC meetings have all been assigned for the year. Melissa is attending in

September. November is Sue and Mary Anne. January will be Becky and Kevin. April will be Perry and Andy. 8:15-10:30. They are at the district office.

Melissa reported on the Gator Gallop, there are already \$2K in corporate sponsors. She has secured new sponsors. First couple of stacks have been picked up.

The sheets are due Friday.

Display cases will go up after this week for the big prizes. Katie Sudler is working with staff for the prizes.

We will attempt the walk outside this year. The proposal is to be in the back field for safety.

Sign up genius is out there for parent and PTO volunteers.

Kevin proposed we might use Gus gift cards to pay for concessions for Gator Gallop. Melissa will check on the discount.

Somya Bergman is chairing Sunshine Math. Probably won't do December or May.

Beth Schroeder is chairing Book Club with Ms. Ashby.

International Walk to School day. October 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday. Heidi Files doing it again. A small grant will go to Mr. Park. Doug will be here in uniform.

Doug Riser is chairing Watch Dogs.

A discussion regarding picture day came up. It went well. Dr. McDermott, would have liked the photographer to call it earlier. Perhaps more teacher helpers for next year. The link for the proofs should be arriving shortly.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Kevin Preas**

AGS community horseshoe tournament will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ream's market will give us a discount on hot dogs for the event. As well as brats. May get donation from Ace Hardware for charcoal.

A donation will be made to The Moose for using their pits. Participants may buy beverages from the Moose and a portion goes towards our fundraiser.

Proposed time is from 3-7pm. Six pits will be available. So there needs to be 12 teams.

Cost will be \$40 per team. The prize for winning team will be bragging rights and a trophy. It will be run as a double elimination style tournament.

Eric Kline might be able to set up an obstacle course for the kids.

Open to everyone even if they're not playing.

The tournament was approved by PTO.

### **Communications, Becky Paulin**

There was a discussion regarding the PTO Bulletin Board.

Dr. McDermott proposed the installation and use of flat screens TV's. The board is currently being used by the art department. The screens could run a loop of current events. It would be in the office entrance so it would capture the EC people as well.

Becky and Tim will work on pricing it out and getting the details worked out prior to the next meeting.

### **Classroom Support, Sue Minnec**

Sue is meeting with homeroom parents next week. Good response from parents signing up this year. Possibility of Room parents for EC. Paula will be doing handling that for this year.

### **Ways & Means, Melissa Dempsey reported**

The Dine Arounds are being scheduled, Jessica Wild

Brittany Hall working on a Five-Below fundraiser

Our first movie night will be on 10/14

**Teacher Reps, Krisitn Green**

Staff wanted to thank the PTO for meet and greet, resale, and breakfast.

As far as choosing a project for this year, Shannon Hemmes asked for funding to restock the book room. Has anymore discussion taken on that and do we have a goal for fundraising? Andy responded, there is supposed to be a line item for it. Special Appropriations? It is an open question. We decided on the book project. The discussion on this will continue next month.

**ECC Teacher Representative, Allison Bielski**

Curriculum night is coming up. PTO (Mary Anne) will have a table there.

The preschoolers have very different schedules, so it is better to have papers to send home to them to be given out earlier, so they get home in time. Tuesdays by end of day is the best time to send over so that backpacks can be filled on Wednesday. About one week lead time.

A lot of the non AGS parents may not have the technology connection to AGS. Maybe put another gator in the back for the signs.

There is a continuing conversation a regarding EC Rep . A letter was sent to all EC families about how they are part of the PTO. Teachers are being encouraged to mention this again during curriculum night.

Does the field trip money come out of the EC fund line item. Andy responded positively . EC donations are separate. EC can put in check request on a an as need basis.

Andy inquired about who paid for the staff coffee maker. Staff paid for it. No further discussion.

**Principal, Tim McDermott**

Tim is trying to create a safer environment for early childhood drop off pick up due to the growth of the program.

May be able to build asphalt on side of building to open up the parking lot for regular parking. There has been a lot of discussion. And adding a TV in the waiting area.

**Round Table, Melissa Dempsey**

Trying to get a committee together for a 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade Halloween Party on 10/28. It would be a costume and dance party. We need a chair for this event.

Sue suggested an end of the year Watch Dog party.

We need a topic for the general meeting, General Safety, Digital Safety, Cyber Safety.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm.