

PTNO Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 10, 2018 6:00-7:00pm

Attending: Dinah Yessne, Chris Cadorette, Kelly MacMartin, Carrie Stoner and Laine Cadorette

1. Treasurer's Report and Financial Updates

Chris Cadorette gave the update as Cassie Wills was not in attendance. Cassie notified Candi Smith of the \$250 approved for basketball referees and \$100 was given to pay for the 5 games already done. Cassie also told Sue Cioffi about the approval for Gifts for Giving reimbursement but Sue informed Cassie there were none this year.

2. Artist-in-Residence Research Presentations

Carrie Stoner presented the information from Planting Hope. There is no group for this spring but Beth Merrell said there could be a small group available late fall to winter for next school year. Chris emailed all the administrative assistants in the district and none responded that they had any programs going on. Dinah Yessne presented 4 options to the group. The group discussed: Dinah presenting the VT Arts Council grant to the CES staff at the next staff meeting with Cat's approval. This grant will be a paid residence by the council and would involve teachers and training with a selected artist. For a residency this year, Chris will email Cat with the two options (Judy Dow—Native American culture and Gowri Saboor—South Indian culture) and ask the school to choose which one they would like to do.

3. PTNO as a 503 c or low-profit limited liability company (L3C)

No updates from Chris. Cassie did research into the insurance of the WCSU and questioned whether the PTNO was covered by this policy. Chris will talk with Cassie and then with Cat. Dinah also inquired if we were to have babysitters for our meetings, would that also be covered by this insurance. Chris will inquire.

4. February Event

Chili cook-off and game night: Carrie heard that Girls on the Run may be planning to have a game night as well. The group discussed the PTNO having a chili cook-off on the same night and then the Girls on the Run having a game night. Kelly MacMartin will discuss with Stacey Rupp. The second option would be to have the chili cook-off before BINGO night in March. Bingo night proposed date by Chris is March 24th (a Saturday). Carrie will check with school for availability.

5. Cougar Wear and water bottles

Water bottles were picked up by Chris and were shown to the group. All agreed they came out great. This will be given to the students at the next morning meeting with the help of the Kindergarten class and Kelly. Chris and Laine Cadorette will be in represent the PTNO at the meeting. Chris will work with vendor to have an order form ready to go out with the newsletter on Friday, March 9th with the remainder of the Cougar Wear.

6. New business

Kelly proposed a fundraiser that Renee Grzankowski emailed her about. A volunteer hobby photographer books 15 minute sessions at a scenic location for \$20 to \$25 a session with all the money going to the PTNO. Families can even bring their pets for the photoshoot. The unedited images are dropped into Dropbox. If 40 families sign up, that's \$800 to \$1000 in a weekend. Chris invited Renee to attend the next meeting to discuss this fundraiser further.

7. Next meeting set for February 19th, 6 to 7pm