

MEETING MINUTES

RICHLAND ELEMENTARY F.O.R. Club

Date: April 29, 2019

Location: Room 20

Meeting Called to Order By: Randi Montoya

Time: 6:00 pm.

Executive Board Attendees: Randi Montoya; President, Lena Meum; 1st Vice President, Angela Brown; second Vice President, and Breena Hope; Secretary.

Attendance: Quorum is present

Minutes: Minutes from March 25th, 2018 are presented and accepted.

Officers' Reports

Randi Montoya -

Bingo:

- The permit was filed today.
- Decorations are ready.
- The Caller, food, security guard are all taken care of.
- This year will be at the City Hall and the family fun night for kids is the same night.
- There will be sangria, a beer keg, white wine, red wine, rose, and Titos vodka.
- People will be there at 4:00 pm to help set up and tear down.

Movie Under The Stars:

- Chick Fil A and Kona Ice have already been contacted and reserved.
- The movie to be viewed will be the original Mary Poppins. There was a survey Monkey set up and all the classes were polled.

- Last years cost for admission to the movie was \$5 or a ream of paper. The board hasn't discussed the price for this year.

Sailing on:

- Volunteers will be needed.
- This will take place the day of promotion, Tuesday @ 1:45.
- Monday the High School will be visiting Richland on Monday, Randi to set up.
- This is held at the end of the school year in June. The high school students come back and give words of wisdom to 5th graders. There is a "clap out" for 5th graders on last day of school and when they come back for Sailing On they get clapped back in.

Lena Meum -

Approval of New Board Members

Lena Meum - President

Chelsea Walker - Vice President

Breana Hope - Recording Secretary

Heidi Slack - Corresponding Secretary

Angela Brown - Treasurer

- Motion moved and seconded to accept Executive Board's nomination of 2019/2020 Board.

Formation of Committees:

- Feedback from people we talked to about joining the executive board is that people want to to be more involved but don't want the commitment of being a board member. The board is hoping to form a variety of different committees tailored to areas of specialization. Committees discussed include but are not limited to; Appreciation Committee, Carnival Committee, Finance Committee, Golf Committee and Library Committee.
- Committees will be formed as they are filled.

Lion King:

- 23rd of May @ 6:00 pm: It will be held at Woodland Park Middle School for more space.
- Tickets for sale at the door only. Will accept cash and cards.
- There will be wooden flowers for sale with a note for the performers.

Angela Brown

Teacher appreciation:

- This year the goal is to get the rest of the school involved.
- There will be a theme each day (handout in Wednesday envelope) many of which get the students involved.
- Staff Appreciation will be primarily MWF.
- Volunteers would be appreciated on MWF to help set up and tear down. We will get the link out for people to sign up.
- There will also be a poll sent out to all the staff for them to vote on different questions.

Breana Hope

Silver Graphics

- The products from the art fundraiser are here and they will be distributed Tuesday the 30th.
- So far it has brought in over \$2000 for Richland.
- Items will be available for purchase up until June 31st and proceeds will continue to go to the school but shipping costs will apply and items will ship to the address left at checkout.

Samantha Mayberry

Per Randi:

Financial Update; see handout.

Committee Reports

Dr. Garcia

Introduction:

- Her sister lives in San Marcos and her 3 children went to Richland, Woodland Park and they all graduated from Mission Hills. She has been the SI for 6 months. She will be at Richland next week for 'Lunch with Carmen' to meet with the staff. She is at the meeting because she is visiting all schools and their PTOs and wants to know what she can do to support. She is there to

listen and learn.

Principal Update- Julie Barbara

Countdown to Summer; See Handout

- Didn't include Friday June 7th which is also the day of the balloon derby.
- Testing begins May 13th. Each grade level is similar but different. 5th goes a little bit longer because theirs includes science.
- Star Wars gear this Friday, May 4th "May the 4th Be With You".

Kim Klimas

- Thank you from teachers for APEX. Amazing and fun to see how pumped the kids get.
- Asks if APEX is coming back as teachers have heard a rumor that it may not be. They support APEX and want to make sure that it continues.

Per Lena:

The Board is currently looking into different companies. APEX takes 47% and the Board would not be doing their due diligence if it didn't make sure Richland is getting as many proceeds back as possible. Currently looking at Booster-A-Thon, which is a company that the PTO at Knob Hill uses after they switched from APEX.

Pony Pal Reveal:

- How will the Teachers find out who their Pony Pal is?

Per Chairperson: The reveals will be distributed in the teacher boxes within a week. They will find out before the volunteer breakfast.

Apex: April Villafana

- Meeting on May 9th @12:30 to go over this year and to set the date for next year. After this meeting the dates they offer will be open for other schools to book if we do not book. There is a two week window after the event in which dates are held for Richland. Final numbers will be discussed at next meeting. Julie will be posting the blast @ 2:00 so if April can get her the numbers directly after the meeting, Julie can include those in the eblast.

- Received a lot of good feedback from parents, students and teachers.
- Received a conservative estimate of \$39,000-40,000 income for Richland from APEX.
- Last year the schools conservative estimate was around \$33,000.
- Per Yearbook committee: we need to set the date before April 1st if it is to be included in the yearbook.
- BBQ worked out perfectly.
- Room 20 was great for shade but wasn't as utilized as they thought it would be. Would still be good to utilize it every year.

STEAM: Kjerstie

- FOR club supports the STEAM program, see handout for specifics.
- STEAM is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. They do hands on activities that support material in class.
- At Shadow a Mustang this year, over 360 parents attended.
- STEAM also provides enrichment programs, like Skyping with scientists.
- Supplies are a huge costs: specifically consumable products like frogs.
- Funds are replenished and used during the next year.
- Technology is so advanced that need upgraded regularly.
- The time each student is in class equated to about 1 full week a year. STEM camps range from about \$250-\$2000 for camp for one student and we are able to fund the program that reaches all of the students enrolled.
- Makers space is open at lunch and students can go in and work.
- This is the first year that 5th grade has had STEAM since kinder.
- Kjerstie has a lot of help from teacher helpers
- Is always in need of toilet paper rolls.

Golf Tournament: Ronnie:

- Looking forward to continue running the tournament.
- Over 80 golfers this year and the event raised over \$10,300.
- Heidi helped with graphic design.

- All skill levels were there this year and are welcome every year.
- This year we played golf, hung out with friends, had dinner and raffled off over 70 items.

Student Store: Mary

Per Heidi Slack

- Tracking what are the best sellers.
- Looking to expand Richland gear.
- Will have more of a Facebook presence.

Jen Long:

- Will end in the black even after covering the set back from last year.
- There are soft and hard cover options this year and name stamp or non name stamp options. Parents really appreciated that they have the option of soft or hard cover. The soft cover is a better quality this year.
- Soft cover started at \$18, went to \$20 and will end at \$25. Hardcover has been and will stay at \$30.
- So far 291 have been sold in pre-sale online. Historically there have been about 375 sold.
- There are only have 84 books to sell at yearbook signing at the Movie Under the Stars,
- Next year is Richland's 60th anniversary.

Heidi: Volunteer

- Expanded to using AVID this year. Pros and cons of using them. For instance they need permission slips and forms and there are only certain jobs they can help with. It definitely proved useful to use them for the Halloween Carnival, School Dance and Golf tournament.

Prop K

Mr. Clay and Mrs. Blackwell:

- History: Bond passed in 2010. SMEA asked for help to get it passed. 90% of Richland's teachers were out walking precincts to help and get the bond passed. The promise was that Richland would be included and was going to be rebuilt. Fast forward 9 years and Richland has been overlooked while newer schools were rebuilt taking our turn. Because the teachers were told this by the district they talked to and promised things to these parents. Teachers talked to

parents personally telling them Richland would be rebuilt. There is concern with the teachers that the exterior doesn't reflect the quality of learning that happens at Richland. There have even been times when Richland has wanted to do upgrades to the school with their own funds but are told by the district not to do it because they will be upgraded soon. There is now \$300,000 left and it isn't enough to help Richland. There is a concern that the district wasn't up front with what the plans were for the bond.

Dr Garcia:

- Asks if Richland was on the voter Guide. We need to check with the language on the voter guide to see exactly what was promised.
- The grant they get is 3 tiers, San Marcos gets 39% of the total and that number is decreasing. Profile is higher for cities that have a higher percentage of family who qualify for free and reduced, (Title I)
- Concern that schools have to do fundraising just to bring science and art into the schools.
- Would like to get an upgrade to Richland's infrastructure but we will not be on a list with only \$300,000 left.

What Can We Do?

- Raise awareness of Prop 98,
- Talk to legislature about over appropriating for Prop 98; don't settle for just the minimum.

Old Business

- 2019/2020 Board Members voted in.

New Business/Agenda

- Board to discuss price for admission Movie Under the Stars.
- Board to recruit for new Committees.
- APEX meeting May 9 @12:30.
- Discuss with Yearbook Committee 60th anniversary plan.
- Board to discuss Prop 98.

Action Items

- Specify and advertise that the movie being viewed for Movie Under the Stars is the original Mary Poppins. (Board)
 - Volunteers to be recruited for Sailing On and MWF Staff Appreciation. (Heidi)
 - Get link for volunteers for Staff Appreciation to Julie. (Angela or Heidi)
 - Distribute Products from SilverGraphics. (Breena)
 - Get APEX numbers to Julie after the May 9th meeting to be included in the blast. (April)
 - Recruit volunteers for the Yearbook signing tables at Movie Under the Stars (Heidi)
 - Check voter Guide to see if Richland was on the initial voter guide as a school to receive funds for upgrades. (Staff)
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Meeting Adjournment: 7:24 pm

Minutes Compiled by: Breena Hope