

## Roberts Elementary PTO Board Meeting

Friday, December 5, 2014

8:10 a.m. Roberts Cafe

In attendance: Ali Pilcher, Arghavan Banan, Aparna Jotwani, Aubrey Pettit, Camille Jenman, Christine Robins, Donna Scudder, Elangwn Krishnan, Elizabeth Singleton, Emanuela Corradino, Emily Raley, Guoyi Shi, Jenny Beech, Judith Castelio, Kara Niles, Kelly Bui, Kelly Mayerfield, Kelly Wehrer, Lara Frazier, Lori Bullwinkle, Lucie Tredennick, Maureen Glancy, Marthe Anderson, Meiyee Ku, Melunaz Molari, Meredith Beebe, Paige Castaneda, Pia Weyandt, Rocio Suayfeta, Sudahakar Mahajanam, Tom Fowler, Valerie Tompson, Vera Peneva and others

<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Kelly Wehrer
<b>School Report</b>	Joyce Ballard
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Kara Niles
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Lara Frazier
<b>Book Fair</b>	Denise Metry
<b>Auction</b>	Liz Singleton
<b>AOB</b>	Kelly Wehrer
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Starting Sunday, there will be a three-part series on school funding.

Magnet applications due Dec 19.

At SDMC we discussed the number of magnet spots we should open for the 2015-16 school year. We will take 7 kindergarten students. We have 634 applications so far, 372 are for kindergarten. There's a big wait list, people want to move into the neighborhood.

Dec 12th Faculty Caroling – we will stop at Ronald McDonald House this year.

Third grade will do 101 Dalmatians as their musical. We have a new director. The Theater Guild will meet Dec 18th after school, if you want to join us, please do. Email Kelly. You don't need to be a seamstress! We use glue guns.

We announced to the 5th grade – their musical will be Shrek – shown at Rice on May 21st.

The Business Fair will be held on Dec 15th and 16th 8:15-10:15. The students learn about money, how to price product, use of natural resources, about supply and demand. Students decide as a grade level where the profit will go.

Star of show – student Dylan Canfield – makes a presentation about exhibition: “This year’s exhibition will be different- any form of art or expression. At first we were upset but now we are excited about expressing ourselves better with the new format.

The process – we do research on natural resources. We work in groups and make an article. We learn about different ways to express ourselves through art. Next we chose a natural resource project.”

Dec 17 at 630 pm – Exhibition will be set up. There will be a fashion show of recycled material. Some kids are using popular songs to get their message across.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Kara Niles

Kara Niles, Recording Secretary, presented the minutes from the November meeting for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ali Pilcher and seconded by Maureen Glancy. A vote was taken and motion passed. All in favor – Aye.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Lara Frazier

Reports are on the table on year-to-date figures. We are doing well. Final total over \$xx. Tax letters are going out next Tuesday. Matching funds can really add up, please call them in.

### **Auction**

Liz Singleton

Please reach out to me if you’d like to hear more about what Auction is and how it works.

We are still looking for big items – Hill Country homes, European homes, beach houses in Galveston, etc. We have a form on the website that you can use to bring to businesses. The form for donations is also there. You can also email me directly.

It’s a huge team effort. Auction is Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. For Auction parties, please refer to Jennifer Thornton.

For baskets, refer to Julie MacFarland.

Q For businesses, do we need to get permission?

A No. You can check to avoid duplication if you want.

Almaz – jewelers on University were recommended.

If you own a business or provide a service, you may wish to donate that to us. You can potentially write it off in your taxes.

**AOB**

Kelly Wehrer

Very successful Book Fair. Thank you Emily Gannoway, Julie MacFarland, Tom Fowler and Kirsty McCormack, Aaliya Walji, and all parents and grandparents for your efforts.

Traffic committee – We have formed a committee to look at traffic and parking in the neighborhood. We are collecting hard data in order to make specific, constructive suggestions. If anyone would like to help with that, please come see me or email me.

We will count for two weeks how many cars go through Montclair and Swift, and then think about the best way to get some solutions implemented. The idea is to present this info to RACs and COH, City Councilmembers.

Examples – 4 way stop at certain intersections. Effort to ensure they repave Greenbriar in summer and not during school year. Crosswalk at Addison at Greenbriar. Even when it turns red, people drive through it. We need to make it more visible.

Comment – We should work more towards getting more officers from HPD to pull over speeders.

Various comments on traffic concerns on Greenbriar and around school. Kelly - Interested parties are encouraged to be part of the Traffic Committee.

**Adjourn**

Kelly Wehrer

We are adjourned at 8:40.

**NEXT MEETING FRIDAY January 9th - See you then!**