

## Roberts Elementary PTO Board Meeting

Friday, January 9, 2014

8:10 a.m. Roberts Cafe

In attendance: Ali Pilcher, Arghavan Banan, Aparna Jotwani, Alyson Rooney, Amy Stahl, Aubrey Pettit, Birgitte Kleftakis, Camille Jenman, Christine Robins, Donna Scudder, David Matson, Devyn Wolens, Dulce Cabanas, Elangovan Krishnan, Elizabeth Singleton, Elizabeth Grandich , Guoyi Shi, Isabel Kahn, Jana Wang, Jansi Sethuraj, Jenny Beech, Jennifer Thornton, Kara Niles, Kelly Bui, Kelly Mayerfield, Kelly Wehrer, Kirsty McCormack, Lara Frazier, Lauren Montesi, Laurie Weiss, Lori Bullwinkle, Maureen Glancy, Meiyee Ku, Melunaz Molari, Meredith Beebe, Paige Castaneda, Pia Weyandt, Rocio Suayfeta, Tom Fowler, Valerie Tompson, Yue Luo and others

<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Kelly Wehrer
<b>School Report</b>	Rita Graves
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Kara Niles
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Lara Frazier
<b>Auction</b>	Liz Singleton
<b>Auction Parties</b>	Jennifer Thornton
<b>Adjourn</b>	Kelly Wehrer

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**School Report** Rita Graves

Spelling bee – 5th grader Juliana Pratt will represent us in the district spelling bee.

The 5th grade Girl Scout troop working on getting us a veggie bar in the cafeteria.

We need to increase our numbers of students by 50 in order to keep the veggie bar. They visited Horn Elementary where the veggie bar is in as a test. Fresh, uncooked fruits and veg. They say the kids really love it.

Name That Book qualifier test is next week – moved it from Wednesday morning to Tuesday morning – in case your kids are interested.

SDMC meets next week to talk about curriculum and budget. If you have any ideas or things of particular interest, let SDMC know: Aparna, Kelly, Shelly Barrett, Lana Boutwell.

The MPCA (Morningside Place Civic Association) will host a meeting at our school on the 20th to talk about the construction on Greenbriar. You should plan on coming if this is of interest to you. At 7pm We got new basketball goals installed over the break – now we have proper goals, the older ones were not the right shape and size. We have 2 regulation-size goals at the long ends, and lower ones for learning on the sides.

We have cones up to fill in some of the areas – but it's been too wet to lay the cement.

3 new faculty babies – Grayson and Kyler Miller on Christmas day. Claire Servos was born yesterday. All families are fine.

Q: How did the Math competition work?

A: Teachers chose top students, made recommendations for who would compete.

101 Dalmatians – Theater Guild announcement:

Rita Graves – we need two things. The costumes for 101 Dalmatians – we will be ironing black spots onto white t-shirts. The kids will do some of them, but won't have enough endurance to do all of them. We will need some parents to come with irons to help the kids, show them how, make sure they stay safe. Then, I will need some other parents to do the rest of the t-shirts at home.

If you have small ironing boards you can bring them. Otherwise, we will use cardboard or towels on the tables. We haven't yet figured out the details.

Afterschool on a Tues or Thurs from 330-530. Next week they are cutting the spots, so the following week or so we will need help with the ironing.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Kara Niles

Kara Niles, Recording Secretary, presented the minutes from the December meeting for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Aparna Jotwani and seconded by Camille Jenman. A vote was taken and motion passed. All in favor – Aye.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lara Frazier

There's nothing going on. We're doing well Reports are on the table on year-to-date figures. We are doing well, over xx.

Kelly comment – remember to fill in your paperwork.

### **Auction**

Liz Singleton

Its' Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. An email was sent to the list of volunteers. We need someone to take photos of donated items, and then upload them on the Auction Star website. It could be a few hours in an

afternoon, or check in with us once a week. The things will be stored in the neighborhood in someone's garage apartment.

There is an auction contact on the website, if you can help with taking the photographs please reach out.

Also, we need more donations from business owners. If you have any ins or connections, please reach out to them.

When are the donations due? Valentine's Day would be the latest. Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. We don't need the actual items, you can promise them to us.

Invitations will be coming shortly.

Also, teachers come for free (because we pay for them).

There are also class baskets – contact your room parent to see if you can help. The deadline for that is in three weeks. It's a fun, great thing to do, we sold every single one last year. We have people who help beautify your basket before the auction.

The theme is Kentucky Derby. Possible hat-making party before the Auction. It's an adult-only evening. There are beverages, music, food. Babysitting is available at a cost at the Gymnast Factory.

Also, past and future parents and caregivers are invited. The party is not just limited to people who attend Roberts

### **Auction Parties**

**Jennifer Thornton**

It's a grown up party, where you "win" items buy bidding on them.

Example – mother-son kickball game. A few parents host it and pay for the costs, people buy tickets for it at the auction, all ticket price revenue goes directly to the school.

In the past we have had block parties, an Italian dinner party, etc.

The teachers work on 'teacher perks' – the teachers host a party – for example, the third graders host a putt-putt golf game.

### **AOB**

**Kelly Wehrer**

Traffic committee – The work is ongoing. Get in touch with me.

101 Dalmations – Theater Guild announcement:

Q about budget: How does it work?

Kelly answers: We hold regular meetings. Our main expenses are technology. We will have a special allocations meeting to spend any extra money. For example, we will look at replacing smart boards, adding two classrooms (furniture, technology)

We plan to respark our park, so extra money will go into that fund. If you have ideas or suggestions, please come and see me.

Q What is the Traffic Committee doing?

Kelly answers - Examples – we are asking for a 4-way stop at certain intersections. We are asking them to make an effort to ensure they repave Greenbriar in summer and not during school year. Potential installation of 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.

When we adjourn, there will be a brief room parent meeting.

**Adjourn**

Kelly Wehrer

We are adjourned at 8:34.

**NEXT MEETING FRIDAY February 6th - See you then!**