

March 23, 2018

Balboa Spirit Club General Meeting - 8:30am in the PTR

Meeting minutes taken by Tonia Lopez-Fresquet in absence of regular secretary.

1. Group was small and missing many officers due to Pioneer Day and other events.
2. Sandra Gibson called the meeting to order. As it was a small group, parents introduced themselves.
3. Update on the Sunshine fund and recent expenditures (Supporting maternity, flowers for bereavement)
4. Tonia made a motion to approve prior meeting minutes. Candice Duvon seconded. All approved.
5. No budget review as Jeanne Weiss was not able to attend.
6. There was no chair for Read-a-Thon. This is replacing Spell-a-thon, which typically raised between 15-20 thousand dollars a year and thus will be a significant loss. Unresolved discussion of what to measure for read-a-thon (whether minutes, pages, or books is the best measure). Natalie and Laurie stepped up to co-chair read-a-thon but were hesitant on meeting timelines of getting something researched and implemented. They were hoping we'd make enough money off of Silent Auction from FOA to negate need for Read-a-thon. Item was left open-ended.
7. Update from Danielle Muller re Balboa Beat. Candice asked if it's possible to include a tribute to our donors, which seemed generally acceptable. Some discussion re student interviews. We will need a new chair for Balboa Beat and Communication, as Danielle is graduating.
 - a. Question from Candice re how to do the e-backpack. Explanation that this goes through Rosalie in the office, but should be sent to Communications Officer first. Deadline is the Friday before the Wednesday e-backpack.
8. Update from Ash Narayaumaurti re Community Outreach.
 - a. Arti has stepped up to chair 5th grade culmination.
 - b. Note that later in the meeting Sonia offered to drive a van shuttle for culmination as parking is very difficult.
 - c. Pin Pin and Kaori are handling the garden and recycling very well
 - d. Carpool is an ongoing issue, especially with parents not signing up for the afternoons.
9. A spirited discussion of issues with Carpool and traffic flow ensued. Suggested solutions include:
 - a. Blocking off some of the playground so that kids can't get too far from the gate. (Much discussion with varied opinions as to whether this is a good idea. Later discussion with Mrs. Davenport left it unresolved)
 - b. Having vests for the parent volunteers so they have more perceived authority (Note: Mrs. Davenport later confirmed that the office has vests)
 - c. Banning repeat offenders from using the carpool line (Mrs. Davenport confirmed limited authority to do this; and there was later discussion as to whether this is feasible)
 - d. Designing handouts to give to drivers who ignore the rules. (Note: Mrs. Davenport later confirmed that the Spirit Club can design flyers as they wish – and Kristen Fujitaki volunteered to design the flyers.)

- e. Mrs. Davenport later suggested getting a clock for the pick-up area, and Tonia agreed to follow-up with Sandra directly, as Tonia has looked into the issue before.
10. No ways and means update as Stacy Soendker was not able to attend.
11. FOA update from Allison Branda
- a. Art show is underway, although Kaori was not available to update.
 - b. Candace is managing the silent auction and has many items.
 - a. Confirmed that 2 front row seats and 5 parking spaces for culmination are available for auction. Suggested minimum prices were \$25 for the seats and \$10 for the parking.
 - b. Will follow up with Stacey re spirit wear donations
 - c. Much discussion of whether we can have an online component to the auction, as we have so many great items. Resolved by Laurie and Candice volunteering to see if they can get the auction online in time.
 - c. Tonia said she is getting volunteers from high-schools, but no parents yet
 - d. Sonia confirmed that Tile Wall is back!
 - a. Will be done by Color-Me-Mine at a cost of \$35 per tile, \$90 for 3.
 - b. Sonia performed a successful test of tickets and Venmo during the meeting
 - c. Installation will be done by Joe from LAUSD.
 - d. There is space for two years of tile wall, but after that it is uncertain.
 - e. The goal is to have installation finished by open house, but this may not be possible given the time to fire the tiles.
 - e. There will not be a talent show this year
 - f. Cynthia from STAR has stepped up to chair crafts.
12. No update on teacher events, as Isabel Bradley was unable to attend.
13. Danielle Muller gave the update for Georgia Lee on Restaurant of the Month: the pancake breakfast was a success and did make at least \$900. Upcoming restaurants include CPK and possibly Red Robin.
14. No formal update on yearbook, as Reynalyn was unable to attend. Last date to order will be April 12th.
15. Danielle Muller gave the update for Georgia Lee and Gabby Gerena on Teacher Appreciation: the week will be super-hero themed and events will include Super school supplies, letters from students and a pot-luck on Friday. They will need parent assistance in decorating for the potluck.
16. Update from Mrs. Davenport
- a. The budget for next year was approved and looks fairly predictable and stable. Due to changes in the school funding formula, this is the first year that full funds are available for the base student population. With the help of the BSC she will be able to continue all current programs, and looks forward to more predictability in the future.
 - b. We are heading into testing for 3rd-5th graders, and have already tested the technology to be sure it will work.
 - c. 5th graders are heading to Pali Camp and Clear Creek, and teachers are currently slammed with planning.
 - d. The local district Superintendent recently toured Balboa, and was so impressed that he recommended Balboa host the principals' meeting on April 11th. Mrs. Davenport requested that the Spirit Club provide light refreshments for the Principals, who will be learning how Balboa successfully handles its student technology.

- e. Much discussion re ongoing carpool and traffic issues. See item 9 for Mrs. Davenport's feedback.
17. Sandra updated on the progress of painting the handball courts and the basketball backboards (as funded by Fitness Day). Painting was delayed by rain, but is scheduled for the end of April.
 18. Next month is the elections for the new Board. Although some members are staying in their positions every position needs to be voted in. The positions and their descriptions are posted on the BSC website. Also, it would be beneficial to have the committee chairs lined up at the election as well.
 - a. Sonia volunteered to head 5th grade culmination and the Compass Fund next year.
 19. A discussion of what to do for incoming parents. Natalie, Sonia and Laurie are interested in putting together an event over the summer and will coordinate with Georgia and Lisa from the welcome committee.
 - a. Incoming parents are welcome to come to FOA and the next Spirit Club meeting (although they should not go on campus during school hours). However, they should be discouraged from attending open house.
 20. Allison asked for volunteers after school on April 3rd to make signs for FOA.