

Friends of McNear
Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2008

Attendees: Mary Lindsay, Angela Lowry, Kendall Abramson, Harry Mills, & Susan Rodkin

Meeting began at 7:10pm

1. The Minutes from our October 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed. The following revisions need to be made:
 - a. It was agreed that \$2,000 will be provided for completing the tree planting project, not \$1,000 as stated in the minutes.
 - b. It was agreed that FOM will transfer \$3,000 to the McNear PTA account, not \$1,000 as stated in the minutes.
 - c. It was agreed that FOM will hold back \$2,000 for the Feb. 2009 event planning.
 - d. It was agreed that FOM will hold \$15,000 in the account for the future track fund.
 - e. It was agreed that FOM will transfer an additional \$1,000 to the playground maintenance fund.

2. We discussed the school website and that we will have Dana add a FOM page on the website. We plan to provide the following information to her:
 - a. Description of FOM (Mary)
 - b. Meeting agendas
 - c. Meeting minutes
 - d. Upcoming meeting dates (Susan will put the future meeting dates on the school digital calendar.)
 - e. Event information
 - f. Contact people

3. Christi Reynolds sent an email to Mary that the event planning for the February 28, 2009 auction is going well. The committee plans to begin soliciting donations for the event after Thanksgiving.

4. Mary passed out the FOM financial statement. Since our last meeting there has been a deposit into the account of additional monies from the cocktail and poker parties. Expenses disbursed included: reimbursement for: olive trees from the previous event, postage, deposited to playground maintenance and PTA funds. Mary will continue to handle the financial statements. All receipts and checks will continue to go through Mary. She will work with Antoinette to get checks deposited and written. Due to the change with PEF, Mary transferred \$2,000 from the PEF account to the PTA FOM account for operating expenses for the Feb. 09 event.

5. We discussed the FOM funding goals. Requests for funds will go through PTA for items other than large capital improvements, such as the track that we are currently fundraising for.
 - a. We originally started giving PTA \$5,000 so that the carnival would no longer hold a silent auction which competed with the FOM auction. We were asking our community to donate twice a year. \$5,000 was typically what the carnival auction brought in, so FOM decided to offset that amount and make the donation to PTA to fund programs. From the proceeds of this past fundraiser we donated \$3,000 to PTA. We are now trying to determine what amount to give to PTA each year.
 - b. We determined that from each year's fundraiser we would always donate to the following fixed items first:
 - i. \$5,000 to PTA
 - ii. \$3,500 to Renaissance Learning for the yearly accelerated math and reader subscriptions.
 - iii. \$1,000 to the playground maintenance fund
 - iv. \$2,000 holdback for the next years event
 - c. At our May quarterly meeting, the remaining proceeds will be discussed and we will determine how best to disburse them
 - d. It was discussed briefly that we can talk in the future about FOM taking over the \$5,000 PTA responsibility for computers.

6. A discussion was had about the track. Susan talked about how we will orient the track outside the perimeter of the blacktop where the current one is painted. Therefore it will not affect the current playing fields. Harry Mills said he will have some estimators from NBC come out to do a legitimate estimate so we have some rough numbers to work from. He said it will not be a hard number as permit costs change every year, but that it will give us a really good idea of how much we need to raise. At the Mar. 31, 2009 FOM meeting we will combine it with a meeting about the track and Harry will have the estimate by then. We also discussed the possibility of locating grants to help fund the track. Kendall mentioned that the Governors Fitness Challenge would provide us some money if we win. The fitness challenge will run from Feb. 16 through Mar 15, 2009. It was also mentioned that we could do a FOM lap-a-thon and BBQ to raise additional funds.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm