

## **FBMS PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 - FBMS COMMUNITY ROOM**

**Attendance:** See Attached

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Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

Amber Caver, President, announces that Amy Maddox will serve as parliamentarian this evening.

### **Secretary's Report - Sindee Bielamowicz**

- Sindee Bielamowicz presented meeting minutes from May 18, 2017. No changes or corrections were notes. Minutes accepted.

### **Principal's Report - Mr. Castagnoli**

- Ms. Livas gave Principal's Report in place of Mr. Castagnoli
- smooth start to school after Harvey, minimal damage, auditorium floor minor leaks, but now freshly painted and fixed
- staff appreciates the support from FBMS families and PTO, we did not have a lot of families with damages, but there were some with significant damages; donations are still coming in from families to help families that need help; some families have denied help based on survey done; some faculty had extreme losses; she thanked everyone for helping Mr. Smith
- uniforms: not free dress at FBMS (HISD relaxed on uniforms but FBMS did not)
- gearing up for fall events; open houses very successful
- football foam and frisbee, homecoming forthcoming
- HISD has not released all dates for fall athletic events; homecoming will be October 24 at Delmar for FBMS
- No extra make up days due to Harvey but there will be no more early release days; Thanksgiving holiday will still be a week long
- She thanked the parents for the two days of meals for staff during open house

### **President's Report - Amber Caver**

Thank yous:

- Heather Golden - helped with sign up genius on donation items
- Panther Camp - Katie Pro, Michelle Young and Laurie Moreland

Recruiting: auction co-chair needed; grant committee needs assistance with shopping once grants are accepted

### **Treasurer's Report - Ken Covington**

Distributed and reviewed updated **FBMS PTO Budget and Financial Activity Report from 05/18/2017 - 09/27/2017**: see attached.

- Still need a co-chair for treasurer
- Financial Reconciliation (audit) committee will be delayed due to Harvey
- \$2,000 needed to renovate school store in cafeteria:

**Ken Covington motions to accept the \$2,000 donation from PTO funds to improve the school store. Amy Maddux seconds; motion passes.**

**Ken Covington motions that the membership approve the treasurer's report as presented; Amy Maddux seconds; motion passes**

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **1st VP - Education - Ed Muth (Nicole Weaver standing in)**

##### **Library Committee:**

1. During the summer Mr. Weltin and some parent volunteers gave their Saturday to paint the library and it looks great! We'll be planning another volunteer time either on a Saturday or evening to finish up a few areas. There's also new furniture in there and a new conference table coming.
2. Mr. Pinkston is working with us to get the library decorated with student artwork. We will be using the \$100 in the library budget to purchase frames to display the art.
3. Lots of new books, mostly nonfiction but also short story collections and graphic novels were purchased for the library and arrived over the summer. The committee is working on getting those on the shelves and is about halfway through shelving. Hoping to have them all out next week.
4. The library is open for business. Classes are coming in as are students during lunch time. (I don't know if after school is available yet or not - maybe a FBMS staff member at the meeting can verify.)
5. We are working on a suggestion box for students (and staff) to advise what books they would like to see in the library. We'll let everyone know when that's up and available.
6. Once we have the new books shelved we will be working on organizing the book room in the library that houses class sets and other materials for the staff to use.
7. We've got fund raisers and other activities planned later in the year we can talk about as they get closer.
8. If anyone is interested in joining the library committee we've got great things planned and would love them to join us. Opportunities available during the school day AND not during the school day. Email [library@fbmspto.org](mailto:library@fbmspto.org).
9. We will be doing the pie sales fundraiser again this year, pick up will be prior to the Winter Holiday and not the Thanksgiving Holiday. More information to come

##### **Teacher Appreciation Committee:**

1. Dinner was provided for the teachers at the open house earlier this week, futures events being planned

##### **Career Day Committee:**

1. FBMS working to determine the date for "Career Day", Once we know we will begin working on invitees to present and talk to the kids. We may survey the kids to see who they would like to hear from at Career Day.

##### **Fine Arts Liaison:**

No Update

##### **Campus Beautification Committee:**

Top 5 outdoor projects have been identified, working to identify potential interior projects, should be able to start making progress on projects in October. We'll be looking for volunteers soon - more information to come.

#### **2nd VPs report, Carrie Botello**

##### **Fall Fundraiser**

1. Official Kickoff is tomorrow.

Cheerleaders will welcome everyone at the circle drive & a video short created by Ms. Jackson's advanced theatre class will set the tone for the competition

2. \$5,750 in underwriting has been collected to fund operating costs.

3. To boost up the participation at the \$150 level, a raffle incentive has been added to the prize structure. Potential to win a host of prizes, including a Texan's football autographed by JJ Watt & many gift cards. If anyone has connections to Rockets, Astros, Dynamo or Dash & think they can swing a donation of some sort, let us know!

4. We have 80 students registered prior to tomorrow with a total of \$2,245 in donations (9% of goal)

5. Homecoming/FFF t-shirts will be available for purchase prior to Homecoming.

6. All staff and teachers will receive a t-shirt.

### **Upcoming homecoming activities**

Mr. Castagnoli would really like parent participation in homecoming games, theme is blackout; homecoming game shirt (\$50 donation level you get the shirt for free). The shirt can be purchased for \$8 (order online through FBMS PTO website); delivered the day of the dance on October 20 (the shirt will also be a school approved shirt):

**Tailgate:** Monday before homecoming game (October 16) - before the 7th grade game; FBMS PTO sponsors but no money is made from it; booster clubs, etc will have booths to make money for their groups.

### **Homecoming Dance:**

October 20 - from 6pm - 9pm

Waiting for Ms. Livas to give final approval for flyer; asking for volunteers for day of dance; community room as staging area; details for volunteers will come in a sign-up genius; theme is circus

### **Supper club:**

Tacos a go go on 34th - October 4

Jason's Deli on October 18 – There is a reservation link on social media and email for Jason's Deli (Jason's Deli is asking for a reservation to be sure they have enough staff, etc)

### **Box Tops:**

Send them to the front office (turn them in with their child's name and their house)

### **Auction:**

Still need a co-chair for collecting and soliciting, helping with emails

Date of auction is February 2

FBMS PTO shirts still on sale on Wednesdays during lunch

### **3rd VPs report, Amy Maddux**

#### **Membership**

Membership - sign up if you have not already; the higher levels won't be available after October; can sign-up online; encourage others to sign-up

#### **Website/Communications**

Like us on Facebook; we're trying to get to 500 likes

**6th Grade Representative, Nicole Weaver**

Please have people contact us through the FB page  
Tailgate - selling confetti eggs at 6<sup>th</sup> grade booth

**7th Grade Representative, Jill Davis**

Not present

**8th Grade Representative, Leah Salinas**

Not present

**Guest Speaker – Officer Rodriguez – Topic: Social Media & Students**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 PM

Submitted by Sindee Bielamowicz