

DMA PEN Meeting Minutes

11/11/2015

In attendance: Elisabeth Gladston (Co-Chair), Laura Baxter, Lisa Packard, Erica deLeon-Roche, Sarah Juchemich, Sarah Grimm, Theresa Smith, Mr. Micah (Upper El faculty rep), Ms. Sarah (Children's House faculty rep), Liz Becerra (office staff rep).

A. Recap

Fall Ball.

It was super duper and also very great. 345 tickets were sold and PEN raised about \$1035.00 dollars, \$380 coming from the Bake Sale. A big thank you to all of the parent volunteers. For next year's dance, there should be a checkpoint for volunteers. Regarding the music: we should work to delegate the selection of music to students of the upper grades (perhaps working with a parent).

Classic Slice November Fundraiser.

Thanks to the restaurant. At this time, there is no information on the amount of money raised. The next Classic Slice fundraiser is Monday January 11, 2016.

PEN Newsletter.

Daniel Gatewood is the contact for the Ask Ginny section of the newsletter. The responses from Ginny Flynn are recorded and transcribed and then sent back for the newsletter. PEN asks to try and get the question for the newsletter in a month ahead of time to have the newsletter go out in a more timely fashion.

B. Current Fundraisers & Events

NOVEMBER 19-DECEMBER 11 - COFFEE/KRINGLE FUND RAISER

Anodyne Coffee/Kringle packets have now gone out. All forms are due back by November 30, 2015. The orders should come back by the first week of December. Please make one check out for all orders to DMA.

MITTENS/SOCKS DRIVE – GOING ON RIGHT NOW

Currently the school is collection socks which will be given to **The Gathering**. In the first week of December, PEN and the school will collect winter hats. In the first week of January, the collection tub at the school will be for winter gloves and mittens. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you to our PEN Chairs and to Erica for coordinating this drive and the pick-up of items.

C. Upcoming Fundraisers & Events

ALL SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 17

The school food drive will take place from November 30-December 17th. This is for canned food items. The pick up will be December 18th.

BOUNCE DMA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 2, 2016

February 2, 2016 will be the date for the Bounce DMA night fundraiser. Bounce is owned by DMA parents and is an indoor inflatable fun house with laser tag, rock climbing and food.

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

PEN requests volunteers for the last full school week in December for Holiday Happiness where food items are set up for the entire school's staff. There will be a sign up for parent volunteers. PEN is looking for help specifically on December 15-17th. This is not a large commitment and involves set up and easy clean-up of food items at school.

D. OTHER ITEMS

No green team meeting to report on.

Teacher reports.

The snack packs created for Fall Conferences were greatly appreciated. Thank you Marisa L. and Natalie H.

The school academic team intends to schedule two nights of parent education: a night on literacy practices and one on math practices in Montessori Education. Parents are very interested in this so thanks to the teachers involved in its planning.