



Friends' General Meeting 23-24 (Meeting #1)
Wednesday, August 30, 2023
5:30pm - I-Lab

Meeting was called to order by Meghann Ray at 5:30 p.m. Others in attendance were: Amy Wagoner, Laurie Robinson, Katie Ritter, Kristian Chaddick, Margaret Musgrave, Amanda Bultemeier, Robin Renschler, Holly Ziemer, Angela Craft, Sarah Brooks

Current Business:

- After introductions, Meghann mentioned a need for a **Social Media representative** for Friends. She also discussed how our future meetings will be more committee focused on specific events we are planning for (Fall Festival, Holiday Luncheon, etc.) instead of the more general meeting format.
- **Mum sale = 279 sold**; pickup will be at the School Picnic.
- Fresh Fruit Friday is in full swing with sign-ups out now through October.

All School Picnic:

- US SLC will be setting up **booths** again this year for various games and purchases. Friends will sell tickets for the booths.
- Friends will sell wristbands for **bounce houses**; \$5 for all-you-can-bounce. 😊
- Picnic is potluck style. Friends will contribute chicken, mac n' cheese, water, as well as paper plates, napkins and utensils. Sign-up Genius is out for salads, sides, and desserts. Margaret Musgrave volunteered to donate bottles of water.
- **Popcorn sale**: Friends will purchase the extra large bag of popcorn from a movie theater to sell smaller bags next to ticket table.
- **Half-Pot tickets** will also be sold by Ryan Bixler-Rigg.
- Still need **more volunteers** for set-up as well as working at tables and bringing food. We will push out the sign-up again as well as have room parents send emails to help recruit for the open slots.

Fall Festival:

- Sarah suggested we add an evening shift for the Puppy Chow prep, possibly on the second day after it has been made, to help with bagging. We also discussed increasing our goal to 12 bags made instead of 10 to help meet demand, thus raise more money. The only hesitation is not having enough volunteers. We will work on getting the word out that more can be made/sold if we have more volunteers in hopes this will motivate more people to participate. With 12 bags, we would need 3 full days of prep (Wed - Fri. prior to the festival). **Holly M.** will need to add an evening shift to the Sign-up Genius for this.
- Lauren Barker is reaching out to the non-profit who provided us the kitchen space last year for the puppy chow prep.
- Shifts for the festival will range from 4-7 people per shift. There will be 4 shifts per day like last year.
- Walking Tacos, Nest Nachos, Cotton Candy, Crustables, soda, and water.
- Meghann has reached out to Misty Eastep regarding switching the meat supplier for a more cost effective option.
- Holly M. is working on getting the booth painted and hopefully will have it ready for the Picnic. **Need to follow up with Holly M. about the old booth.** She was reaching out to Greg Schultheis.

Gnome Night:

- Need to purchase 120-125 small pumpkins for the Pumpkin Decorating Table.

Future Events:

Meghann briefly spoke about each event Friends will be involved in throughout the school year. Amanda Bultemeier brought up the Gnome 5K that is on November 18. The school is looking for sponsors as well as volunteers for this event. The **Trivia Committee** will start meeting in November (Trivia Night is in February).

Will move **Teacher Appreciation Week** back to March instead of May this year. The teachers really liked “shopping” for school supplies in the Alumni Room. A suggestion was made to possibly center each year around a theme and then decide on the events of the week based off of the theme. Another suggestion was to get the students more involved in the activities, i.e. Students wear their teacher’s favorite color one day, etc.

Caring For Classrooms - we will continue with this fundraiser for at least one more year to honor our contract and then we may decide on another fundraising option to replace this one. This is the fundraiser where families can purchase gift cards for teachers to use for school supplies. Friends receives a kickback from this fundraiser.