

Friends of EDS
October 3, 2019
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Misty Eastep, Kevin Kunst, Andy Alcock, Katie Slane, Lori Weichmann, Tammy Kleeman-Dillback, Laura Goulbourne, Bill James, Mary Jane Gibson, Mandy Scurry, Marisa Jones, Troy Vaupel, Amanda Bultemeier, Theresa Hamby, Niki Traylor, Anna Palmer

Niki called the meeting to order at 5.35 pm.

She introduced Andy Alcock – an EDS parent and an employee of German American bank. He came to explain to our organization about the school spirit card that their bank has created. For every swipe of this debit card, \$.02 is returned to EDS. The September check was around \$200, this is an easy money maker – applicants need to have a German American bank account, the card has no fees. We need to create a way to share this information with our members!

Minutes were presented from the September meeting. A motion was made by Troy, second by Bill, to accept the minutes without any changes or corrections! Minutes were approved.

We reviewed the current budget. Lori reported there were fewer mums sold this year – profit of \$808.25, budgeted for \$1000. Spent less on the Gnome Night pumpkins than in previous years. Also we will be receiving money back on the bounce houses from the “Nest” tailgate due to an error on the rental company’s behalf.

Head of School update

- Holy cow our athletes are amazing this year! Boys tennis, girls soccer, MS boys soccer, MS cross country.
- Everyone is excited for the upcoming Gnome Night.
- The tailgate at the Nest was a success. Iglehart had the strongest representation! Go Bears!

Upper School update

- Student Leadership Council (SLC) has been created and has allowed for more student involvement in all aspects of the school – ambassadors, House committee, academics, co-curricular, service. Faculty and staff are learning how to “share” their ideas on how certain events should be handled and allowing the students to plan, solve and tackle problems/events for the school – instead of the faculty making all of the decisions.
- Budgets have now been shifted from each class having a certain allocation of funds, to various SLC committees.
- All school picnic has had a steady increase each year. This year’s total was \$1080 – brilliant idea to sell homework passes – big money maker! 😊

Primary School update

- Gnome Night is Thursday, October 3. We have volunteers to cover the pumpkin decorating table, should be an out of this world evening for everyone!
- Pumpkins were delivered on time.
- Painting supplies and gnome decals will be used for decoration options
- Having oven baked smores this year due to the burn ban

All School Picnic

- Kona Ice does not want to attend next year's picnic. They did not earn enough money, need to ask if Legence Bank would like to participate in the snow cones with their machine in 2020.

PAL

- Interns from SLC have been helping in the marketing department. New flag board has been created and hung in the atrium. The design was completed by current EDS student Danielle Goebel.

Give Back Night

- We earned \$35 from Texas Roadhouse – busy time of year but those who went enjoyed it.
- November 12 will be the give back night for Wayback Burgers – both locations (east side and First Ave.) and the Friends organization gets 20%. Collect your friends and family to grab some burgers that evening!

Fall Festival: October 7-11

- Recounting puppy chow supplies after meeting – looks like we have enough of all of the ingredients.
- Plenty of volunteers for Friday puppy chow making, need more booth volunteers
- Potatoes have arrived. Planning on doing boxes of 30 this year. Checking into other options for the boxes, some of them were damp upon arrival – don't want rotten potatoes!
- Room parents need to send out a reminder about the Sign Up Genius for volunteering in the booth. Our school calendar is tricky this year with fall break backing up to the end of the fall festival!
- Purchasing grape PB&J Uncrustables at Sams.

Fall tailgate event Friday, September 27 at 4.30 pm

- This event was amazing!
- Need more food trucks next year.
- Maybe Friends could provide bottled water in 2020
- Ask Kona Ice or Lolly Pops to attend as well for more dessert options

Trivia Night Friday, November 1

- Leah created a financial breakdown for this event. Hoping to raise around \$3,000
- This is a community event – invite other friends and family who do not attend EDS.
- We will work to connect new families that want to attend but don't have a full table to sit with that evening.

- Tables of 8 selling for \$200, teachers are half price. Seems like the teachers are really into this event – exciting momentum!

Jeans passes were handed out for all families in attendance!

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6 at 4.30 pm. Time change due to the Giving Project fair – please attend and support the 4th graders!

Meeting was adjourned at 6.27 PM by Niki Traylor.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Palmer
Secretary, Friends of EDS