

Friends of Evansville Day School
November 15, 2021
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Sarah Brooks, Laura Goulbourne, Robin Renschler, Kevin Kunst, Ryan Bixler-Rigg, Holly Ziemer, Judith Kunst, Lauren Hartmayer, Anna Palmer, Mary Jane Gibson, Niki Traylor

Sarah Brooks brought the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. First order of business was to extend "thank yous" to all those that contributed to Gnome Night and Trivia Night.

A motion to approve October meeting minutes was put forth by Judith Kunst and second by Lauren Hartmayer.

Financial Report: Provided by Treasurer Judith Kunst

Since our last meeting, Friends has earned \$3,077.50 from the following sources:

- from the Puppy Chow Sale: \$237.50
- from the Trivia Night table sales and mulligan/game sales: \$2840.00

Since our last meeting, Friends has incurred \$819.72 in expenses:

- from a late payment for the new Fall Festival booth decals: \$180.18
- from food and supplies purchased for the Trivia Night: \$639.54

With a net activity generated from activity during the past month of \$2,257.78, Friends has a bank balance of \$20,520.37.

School Store Fundraiser will continue online. There have been \$3,000 in gift cards purchased for teachers and we have received \$385.82 for starting the school store early this year.

Event Updates:

- **Gnome Night** had a record attendance as the middle school was invited as well.
- Hot dogs and S'mores were served
- The pumpkins were donated by Brooke McCord and as a result, we budgeted \$400 for the evening and spent <\$100
- There was a pumpkin decorating and face painting table sponsored by Friends and manned by parent volunteers and US students

- **Trivia Night** was well attended with 13 tables sold
- People had the option to prepurchase mulligans
- Food and drink were provided by Farm Boy, El Charro, Sugar Fix and Carson's Brewery with Carson's giving \$170 of proceeds back to Friends
- Trivia and costume contest winners donated their prize money back to Friends

Book Study:

- Second Nature by Erin Clabough, PhD which incorporates neuroscience into parenting
- We encourage you to buy/borrow this book now and start reading as we will take a deep dive into discussion in January
- Kevin suggested that Friends initiate a promotion of the book study by purchasing about 10 books and giving them to "first come"

Funding Request:

- Dr. Mary Jane Gibson requested \$500 to assist in funding her mini course on mindfulness and to broaden strength training
- The money will go towards a strength finder survey so students can learn how to maximize their overall strengths which can be used for college essays and applications
- The cost is \$15/student to receive a report
- Motion put forth by Niki Traylor to support the request, seconded by Laura Goulbourne
- Motion was approved

Primary School Update given by Robin Renschler:

- Mrs. Renschler provided a “thank you” to Friends for making Gnome Night a success
- Enjoying getting back to normal activity such as the Halloween concert
- 4th grade had a field trip to Howell Wetlands
- USI will be performing hearing and vision screenings
- Grade 4 Giving Projects have kicked off and this Thursday will be the project fair
- Primary school continues to partner with Chemo Buddies and the kindergarten raised \$350 with their hot chocolate stand at the Food Truck Fair and the primary school will continue their tradition of making comfort bags for the patients.
- Polar Express will be in December and there will be a holiday concert this year with two different groups (JPK-4th and 5th-12th) to keep crowds smaller.

Middle and Upper School Update given by Holly Ziemer:

- 4 weeks until final exams
- SEL had painted pumpkins in October
- The middle school completed their chocolate bar fundraiser and with some of the profits are taking a field trip to FEC in Newburgh next Friday
- The middle school 5th graders are beginning their “Holidays Around the World” projects
- Starting to see college acceptances and scholarships
- There is new furniture in the commons. Thank you to ELuxury for their contribution.
- There will be a movie night on 12/10/21 for 8-12th graders

Head of School Update given by Kevin Kunst:

- There has been a change to our mask policy which will be ongoing as we get an idea of the immunization rate of 5–11-year-olds.
- One of the school’s founders Diane Igleheart passed away over the weekend and the school is discussing ways to honor her.

PAL Update given by Ryan Bixler-Rigg:

- EDS had 75th anniversary weekend which included Trivia night on Friday, a luncheon on Saturday, and a food truck festival on Sunday -Saturday, Founders luncheon at the country club was attended by 34 people and was a successful day and the Food Truck Festival was a great day.
-Ryan thanked Friends for their support to make the weekend a success
- Azzip pizza fundraiser made \$278.50 for September and October. November 22-30th the school will get 20% on gift card purchases. The drawing for the “Pot of Dough” will be in December.

Upcoming Events:

- **Thanksgiving Treats**
-Anna Palmer and Tammy Kleeman-Dillback sent out sign ups to parents last week
-PS treats by class
-MS/US treats by division
-There are volunteer opportunities to deliver the treats
- **Holiday Tea**
-Cookies will be pre-packaged to go this year
-Volunteers needed for setup and cleanup
- **Faculty Luncheon**
-will be held 12/2
-Discussed having families bring in soups, salads, breads/rolls
-Volunteers needed for setup/cleanup and class coverage

Additional Announcements:

- **Family Fun Night (January 24: ?STEM based)**
- **Darlings and Dates (TBD)**
- **Teacher Appreciation Week (March 7-11)**
- **Book Fair (May 2-6): We still have \$2337.20 in scholastic dollars from previous fairs**

A motion was put forth by Judith Kunst for the Executive Committee revisit the budget for staff Holiday gifts and possibly increase the gift from \$50 to \$100 per staff member. Motion was seconded by Lauren Hartmayer and the motion was approved.

Next meeting to be held January 10, 2022, at 5:00.
Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Goulbourne
EDS Friends Secretary