

Innovation Academy PTO Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

1. Welcome- President Vince Pike called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.
2. Minutes- Christina gave the motion to approve the minutes and Kathryn did the second. Kathryn also read two thank you cards to the audience. They were from the teachers and staff.
3. President's Report- Vince thanked all volunteers and PTO members for all their hard work with Fall Festival and Book Fair. Vince recapped the activities that took place at the successful events. Vince spoke to the fact that Jen Fa our acting 1st VP is moving and thanked her for her service. Jen's spot will be replaced on December 13 at the next PTO meeting. A die-cutter and set of die-cuts have been ordered. Vince will pick them up in California when he travels there. Mascot costume and laminator are also two projects in the works to be purchased.
4. Treasurer's Report- Vince reviewed the budget. He reviewed the revenue and the expense report.
5. Principal's Report- Mr. McConnell thanked all of the Fall Festival and Book Fair Volunteers for their hard work and long hours. He mentioned the great success of the events and was pleased with how they went. Mr. McConnell thanked the Watch Dogs for all of their work with the events thus far. The Veterans' Day performance was a huge success and Mr. Coleman was thanked for it. The garden projects are still continuing by the classrooms and plants are growing around the school because of the students, teachers, and parents.
6. Committee Reports-
 - a. *Yearbook-* Alana spoke about the yearbook. Yearbooks will be \$22 each and hardcover. The company being used is Lifetouch. The 1st half of the yearbook needs to be finished by middle January. If you have pictures to submit to the yearbook please send them to the communications links posted under old business.
 - b. *Book Fair-* Kathryn Koenig and Leslie Alameda are the chairs of the book fair. Kathryn gave the report for the committee. The Book Fair was very successful. The Goal was \$2500 and the actual gross sales was \$8,784.51 with \$4,476.83 going back to the library. Kathryn thanked the entire committee for all of their hard work. Suggestions from the audience for next year's fair were: Receipts for the book preview were confusing, it was

hard for the teachers and students because library was cancelled all week, and have a clear goal for the principal next year so that if we hit and exceed goal then Mr. McConnell will get slimed or “nachoed”.

- c. *Fall Festival-* Christina Berndt and Asha O’Shea were the chairs. The Fall Festival was a huge success and received many, many compliments. Christina thanked all of the committee for their hard work and efforts with the festival. Christina reported that getting help for the evening was the hardest part. The Festival committee also set up a Nacho Bar lunch for the entire staff using the remaining chips and cheese. The staff really loved it. The Dunk Tank was a crowd favorite. Suggestions from the audience for next year’s fair were: Get a set of Disney Tickets for the silent auction, do grade level baskets rather than class baskets, get U of A students to volunteer, get a principal for the day type silent auction basket, more tables and more lighting for the small booths and put kids art up in the silent auction. People said they loved the silent auction and had so many positive things to say about the Festival. Excellent work ladies!
7. Old Business-
- a. 501c3 is in progress and a communications update/reminder was given by Vince. Paper work will be submitted by December.
 - b. There is a form in the office for comments, suggestions, teacher requests and will also be available for all meetings. The phone number for the PTO is 520-356-0323. The call goes to email and is transcribed. A text message may also be left. The website address is innovationacademypto.org. Also follow PTO on Facebook. The email address is innovationacademypto@gmail.com. Please be sure to send in photos to use for the website.
8. New Business-
- a. Upcoming dinner night is Monday, December 4 at Pei Wei.
9. Call To Membership- The comments from the audience are included in the above Book Fair and Fall Festival Reports.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm by President Vince Pike. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 13 at IA in the cafeteria at 6pm.