

GPO Meeting Notes-February 13, 2019

Attendance: Molly Patrick, Beth Vischer, Jen Walsh, Stephanie Fava, Sarah Gott, Amy Bois, Carol Stella, Alanna Shrek, Oxana Sabalakov, Lauren

Current Events:

Babysitting during budget meeting: went well, 10 showed up. Next time, no last minute reminder. At least 4 days prior. Then we can have less babysitters because we'll know the actual number well ahead of time.

Afterschool Enrichment/Paypal payment-everything going well this time around. Only hurdle is the paypal report doesn't differentiate between donations and enrichment in the line items. the "notes" don't come through. So Jenn has to cross-reference and it will take time. Looking into solving this issue for future.

Cycle Fierce-January 30, Amy Bois: Went really well! Great turnout. Hard workout. Idea from a parent: have teachers do and we sponsor the teachers. People at desserts and wine/beer more than vegetables. Maybe do it quarterly (Jen, the owner, offered it). \$450 raised. Next time raffle off a gift basket - if you show up your name automatically goes in the raffle. May - the next one? 5/22 possibly. Amy looking into the May one.

Month of Giving - Amy Bois is doing reminders on Facebook. Update:

Reading Carnival - Jen Cook and Kim Lema are leads. Doing 5 weeks instead of 8. JC talking to Tamara about date. Lot of people stepped up again that were involved last year to manage the stations. Oksana emphasized that we need more money for the budget. Question raised: why can't inflatables be donated? Company used last year: Blast Party Rentals (maine). Maybe AirZone? or another local company that's looking for the advertising. Dunk tank? Dunk the teachers! Oksana will suggest all of this to Jen and team. What about tshirts through Harvey printing? or another?

Biggest cost is the inflatables: \$1,000. Try to get that cost down before we up the budget. Sarah is concerned about setting a precedent with the budget - where does it end? it's a 1-day event, shouldn't be such a huge expense. Oksana looking into it with the committee.

Boxtops- feedback: with the sheet that goes out, more reminders about deadline; no more worksheet! Beth: numbers? And parents need the update on where the class standings are. What Lauren said on the announcements should be communicated to parents in and email. Update: deadline needs to be changed to 2/22 - current deadline is vacation week. Lauren providing email to Amy to submit to Jessica.

Book Fairs-April 10-17. New Contact Joe Jusinto/Melissa (head honcho). Amy met with Melissa. Books arrive the day before. Amy buying cheaper donations this year and

putting more money towards more books. Getting Alyssa Bailey to help. Will be doing a Sign Up Genius for volunteers. Will really push the eWallet this year bc was really successful last year. Idea; put a poll out to parents of middle schoolers - what are your kids' favorite books they've read in the past year? Also get recommendations from teachers/ Vicki, who else, on what middle schoolers should read to prevent the summer slide - part of our messaging. Also making teacher wishlists more accessible with big bins full of the appropriate books. Kelly LeRoux making the cookies again as well - bring them to book preview with teachers.

Make parents aware big companies may match an employees donation. Tractor supply Company is a company that wants to get into our community. Amy will go to them and discuss with any donations/matching. Jen will try to find language for matching. Stephanie needs donation letter. Update: Amy looking into it; Jen will write something up for wording.

GPO Scholarship-

Financial Report-Jen

Only around \$800 for MOG so far. But needs to go through the paypal report more thoroughly.

Sue Bacon- never submitted grant request for the stools. Molly emailed her reminder. Jenn asked - are we still sending thank you notes? Did Beth send one to Making Faces? and Cycle Fierce? Lynn adding "Thank you notes" to our monthly agenda as a reminder.

Media/Marketing-Amy

Follow Up on Action Items-

Amazon Smile is ready to be used. **You must be on smile.amazon.com** to make it work. Search Greenland Parent Organization. Update: Jenn said no money yet on that. May take time to gain momentum. Question: is it supported by the app?

Parent/Social: March Jen Walsh and Stephanie Fava-April 13th, 7-10 at Atlantic Grill. Package selected: heavy passed apps, exactly at \$50pp. Can fit 230 ppl. Goal is \$5K. Thinks they can easily do that. Jenna P - works for NH Liquor mag - working on a corporate sponsor to have a specialty cocktail available. IF we get that allowance, do we put it towards another station? or put it towards the overhead cost. Adam B, Seacoast Family Dental: willing to donate money. Silent Auction: parking pass and seating for events. No decision on specifics yet. 5 items: graduation, 2 concerts and talent show, and open house. Justyna Hudson - giving us a thing for the golf tourney. Some sort of basket full of goodies. Sarah asking Nate Bridges, pro at Breakfast Hill for swag as well. Wine pull. Piece of art done by GCS students/art teacher to auction off. Sarah talking to art teacher. James Monjonier doing a piece of art to auction off as well. Todd Bonita - asking him as well. Jenn W is asking friend with brewery connections to ask for beer

donations for beer pull. Tammy Byron - donate mini photog sessions? Maybe a 50/50 raffle.

Guests/Open Forum: Oksana and Alanna asked about Mother/Son dance. We clarified that it's not a GPO sponsored event (girl scouts); plus we wouldn't stand behind an exclusive event like that - rather make it a family event; Amy Bois mentioned the Seabrook speedway - knows the marketing director - offered to do a GPO event there for us. Need: people that are willing to ask businesses for donations/items. Anyone who has a vacation home willing to donate.

New Fundraiser idea: Nik and Charlies to replace Countryview fundraiser - sarah looking into it for April