1. Welcome & Introductions

Blazer Club PTO Co-president Mary Palu called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Mrs. Josie McDonnell, Counselor Lewis & Clark

a. Potential PTO support for “Courage Retreat” through Youth Frontiers

i. The need is now $4740 for all seventh graders. Downpayment is $750.

It is an all-day retreat in the gym that will occur after winter break. There will be two days; one-half of the seventh grade one day and the other half the next day.

ii. They would like to also hold an Educators and Staff retreat that would cost $4070. Downpayment is $750.

They are looking to raise $8,810 from local community partners. Please let Josie McDonnell know of any businesses that may want to support. josie.mcdonnell@ops.org / 531-299-8992

3. Old Business Updates (Mary Palu)

a. Open House

i. Thank you to volunteers who hosted the membership table: Charity Carlson, Katrina Stoffel, Kerry Reiss, Jen Parker, Andy Kane

b. PD/Curriculum Day Breakfast on Friday, 9/20/19

i. Dr. Sejkora asked if PTO could fund breakfast for staff. Executive Committee approved $250.

c. District Citizens Advisory Committee

i. OPS has formed this group to serve as an information gathering and sharing committee to the Superintendent and administrative staff / two representatives per school.

iii. Email was sent to PTO list asking for volunteers; received four responses

1. Two volunteers are already representing other schools

2. The other 2 volunteers have been provided to Dr. Sejkora to officially “nominate”

d. Blazer Club PTO on LewisandClark.ops.org

i. September 2019 Meeting Minutes can be found on the Lewis & Clark website: https://lewisandclark.ops.org/Default.aspx
4. New Business Updates

a. Fundraising Campaign Update (Jill Moeller / Ruth Farrington)
   i. Initial email sent Tuesday, 9/24/19.
   ii. Progress, plans and next steps - send another email or two in October, and then again after the holidays. Jill will contact some local businesses as well.
   iii. TAGG or other opps (Amy Grace)

b. Fall Conference Dinner Update (Katrina Stoeffel / Sara Cerasoli)
   i. Conferences -- Wednesday, October 16 / 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
      Thursday, October 17 / noon – 7 p.m.
   ii. Provide dinner on Thursday 10/17/19 (Ms. McDonnell confirmed this is preferred day) - Sara will contact the local Qdoba, Fernandos, Salsarita to try to get lower pricing
   iii. Needs - Katrina is creating the Sign-up Genius - can be sent to the PTO list + out via Infinite Campus by Dr. Sejkora
   iv. Volunteers will be needed for set up, clean up, bring food, supplies (Mary will check to see what supplies we currently have)

c. Staff Holiday “Tea” (Mary Palu)
   i. Potential Date – Friday, December 13, 2019 after school at The Sydney (Mary has contacted to confirm date)
   ii. Need volunteers
      1. Organize food donations - appetizers and desserts
      2. Set up
      3. Tickets at door
      4. Gift card drawings - will need donations (Sign-up Genius)
      5. Clean up

d. Winter Dance (Mary Palu)
   i. Dr. Sejkora reached out to Houston Alexander – he is willing; pending date
   ii. Ask Dr. Sejkora for dates.

e. Financial Update (Kerry Reiss)
   Envelopes have places for people to volunteer (share interests). Kerry is adding this information to the membership spreadsheet Mary created.

   He found FREE non-profit software….is working on getting access to all bank account information so that we can recap past financials and create a budget going forward.

FUNDRAISING! Donate to “Bucks for Blazers” through the OPS Foundation – where ALL donations support Lewis & Clark – scholarships, teacher special project grants and MORE. Also, watch for emails on specific opportunities to donate items like gift cards, food and supplies for events.

Respectfully submitted,

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