

Open World Learning Community PTO

March 2015 General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 7PM in the 1st Floor Conference room

Attendance: Lisa Gale, Mary Beth Leone-Getten, Theresa Del Rosario, Dave Gundale, Carolyn McCarthy, Ginger Carroll, Mary Brownlow, Traci Hildebrant-Smith. *8 members in attendance.*

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by co chair Mary Beth Leone-Getten

- Group went around the room and introduced ourselves, names and ages of OWL students

Treasurer's Report

- Lisa Gale provided a quick update to the budget. Of note: The PTO received an anonymous donation of \$500 at the end of 2014 and a \$125 donation from Wells Fargo; coffee sales have brought in \$525 to date; we have \$25 monthly through a Give MN recurring donation; the latest Box Tops deadline brought in about \$75. This money (and funds raised through Raffle-O-Rama) will support the twice-annual Program Grants we are kicking off tonight, among other things.
- The PTO will make a \$4000 contribution to the school this year for interim and a \$4000 donation to the school for next year's fall retreats.
- The checkbook balance is currently \$17,348.18.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Raffle-O-Rama**
 - Donations coming in steadily. To date we have received 15 donations. Of note: Minnesota Zoo, Ward 6 restaurant, Culvers, Walker Art Center, Groundswell restaurant, and more. The current donations represent more than \$600 in goods and services.
 - MBLG circulated a list for people to sign up if they want to follow-up with a particular business. We will also circulate to the PTO e-mail list. We will send out a link to the donor spreadsheet, and volunteers can highlight the businesses they will follow up with, and make notes after the interaction. This prevents us from having multiple people contact the same vendors.
- **Program Grant applications**
 - The group used the rubric to evaluate 9 grant applications, asking for a total of \$3550, for which we could award about \$2000. Each member present, evaluated each proposal, the results were tabulated, and then we discussed/awarded or denied each proposal. Only one project got the full amount they asked for in an effort to support more proposals. One project was asked to resubmit in the fall, others can resubmit for ongoing funds.
 - **Funds (totaling \$2125) were awarded to:**
 - Archery \$315
 - Robotics \$300
 - Crew fence art \$150 (to pilot the project)
 - Crew team-building supplies - \$300
 - Expressing Feelings \$200
 - Theatre green room supplies \$360
 - OWL Literary zine \$0 – reapply next year since program will be 2015-16
 - Lego League \$250
 - OWL Family Room \$250

NEW BUSINESS

- **Dining out with OWL**
 - Beth Kellar-Long is trying to schedule a spring Dining Out night. Chipotle is taking reservations month by month and we keep trying to get one of those dates. We are also trying to get in to Panera on Robert St. -- thanks to Carolyn McCarthy for the suggestion.) Stay tuned...
- **Theater concessions**
 - We circulated a list for absent Leslie Dwight for volunteers to help sell concessions during the fall play nights next week. Shifts run from 6-9 PM and students can volunteer with their parent. Contact Leslie at ldwight129@gmail.com.
- **Coffee Fundriaser**
 - Theresa Del Rosario will sell bags of coffee during the nights of the play next week, and will give out order forms again before the end of the year.
 - We've made over \$500 on coffee sales this year. Thanks Theresa!
- **Leadership Team/Committee chairs elections/appointments for 2015-16.**
 - Leadership team positions are all open for the 2015-16 school year. Nominations can be given at the April or May meeting and voting will take place during the May meeting.
 - We handed out copies of the bylaws that list the general job descriptions of leadership team members.
 - All members are encouraged to take on a leadership role within the PTO alone or with a friend.
 - This information will be on the website and circulated via the PTO e-mail list.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the kitchen room opposite the cafeteria.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Minutes compiled by Mary Beth Leone-Getten, OWL PTO secretary