

LAGUNA PTO MINUTES FOR MAY 12, 2011

Board Members Present:

Hillary Mackowski, Taria Smith, Amy Gregory, Lesley Mader, Paula Dameron, Karin Kilburg, Jessica Zimmerman, Sandra Siegel, Kiera Allen, Stacy Kosednar, Lori Soble, Diana Laulainen-Schein, Marcie Caird, Erin Turner, Polly Wolff, Susan Butler, Lisa Barnhart and Shelley Teal

Board Members Absent:

Ann Sorensen and Michelle Johns

Meeting called to order at 11:25 a.m.

Secretary's Report- Paula Dameron

April 7, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes were voted on and approved.

Paula read declarations in section 12 of the Arizona Corporation Commission Annual Report and obtained required signatures.

President's Report - Hillary Mackowski

Hillary began the "Pass the Torch" meeting by asking everyone to describe themselves in two words using their initials.

Hillary distributed her 3 goals for Laguna PTO; Vision: Support Laguna Elementary staff and students utilizing the maximum energies of the entire community, Purpose: Provide financial, volunteer and program support to Laguna, Values: Operate with professionalism and kindness while following defined protocol.

There has been concern regarding placement of our 84 incoming kindergarteners. After meeting with Dr. Root, Hillary reported eight families have provided positive recommendations for Ms. Goldman.

Hillary shared the results of PTO sponsored Staff Survey (34 responses out of 100 polled). The overall opinion is that Laguna PTO provides substantial support of our teachers, staff, and students.

Historically, PTO "gifts" an amount to Laguna Elementary every year. Dr. Root typically determines how the money is best utilized...her preference (in order): science lab aide, computer lab aide, library aide and instructional classroom aides. A request was made this year

for a "Loyalty Bonus Program" to be given to those PTO funded aides serving 3 consecutive years (in addition to their salaries), setting a protocol for every 3, 7 and 10 year mark of service. Dr. Root would like to stress the importance of retaining good staff members. Hillary informed us that \$5,000 originally allotted for one of this year's PTO funded aide's benefits was not used and will remain in our account. After much discussion, a motion was made to reject the "Loyalty Bonus Program". It was voted by majority that Laguna PTO does not gift bonuses for PTO funded aides.

Dr. Root has requested a budget of \$80,231.66 for the 2011-2012 PTO school year. Funds would provide for science lab aide (6.5 hours), computer lab aide (6 hours), library aide (3 hours), and 4 instructional classroom aides to be used for all grade levels. PTO was also asked to fund the Foundations Reading Program (\$1,200/4 kindergarten classes) and Accelerated Reader Program (\$3,281/2nd-4th grades) for a total of \$8,081. A motion was made and approved to 'gift' Science, Computer, Library and 4 instructional classroom aides in 2 installments. Another motion was made and approved to use the \$5,000 remaining (as mentioned above) for the kindergarten Foundations Program for 2011-12.

Vice President Report - Taria Smith

No report.

Treasurer's Report - Lesley Mader

Lesley distributed an updated Profit & Loss Report, cited over budgeted amount of \$33,342 due to decreased family donations and less than expected proceeds from Funraiser auction. Lesley reported good results from Gift Wrap Sale and both New and Used Book Fairs.

Hospitality Report - Jessica Zimmerman

Kudos to Jessica for an incredible Teacher Appreciation Week! Jessica reported great feedback from teachers and thanked all who volunteered/provided food, gifts and door decorations!

Resource Development Report - Karin Kilburg

The Margarita Party is scheduled for Friday, May 20 from 8-10pm at Montana Ranch Community Center. Karin would like to see at least twenty-five couples in attendance.

Academic Programs Report - Sandra Siegel

The Word Masters Program is complete. Congratulations to our Word Masters Challenge students for their accomplishments!

Yearbooks will be delivered Monday, May 16; Mrs. Melvin's students to distribute.

Communications Report - Amy Gregory

Amy reported a good transition of newsletter editor, webmaster transition underway. Amy noted 4,600 hits on the lagunapto.org website for the year.

Sales Fundraising Report - Kiera Allen

Kiera suggested we look into hosting an Amazing Race fundraiser at the Phoenix Zoo.

The Fairmont Princess is offering 20% off the lowest room rate during summer-December months with 10% going back to Laguna PTO.

Innsbrook Gift Wrap Sale is scheduled for September 2-19 with distribution set for October 10.

Volunteer Resource Report - Stacy Kosednar and Lori Soble

Many thanks to Michelle Smith, Susan Butler and all New Book Fair volunteers for your time and efforts!

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. Minutes reported by Paula Dameron, PTO Secretary.