

**Polaris PTO General Membership Meeting**  
**January 12, 2015 – 6:00 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Megan Rosenzweig\*, Brian Nelson\*, Kara Chitwood, Lisa Mortell\*, Jane Hartgrove\* and Molly Kirschling.

**I. Welcome**

- Call to Order, Welcome, Recognizing a Quorum\* - 6:08pm

**II. General Business**

Officers' Reports:

- Treasurer's Report – Megan Rozenzweig
  - Colorado Gives Day generated \$1,174 match from \$26,825 in gifts.
  - Annual fund cash received is \$15,000 below last year, so extra effort is needed for rest of the year.
  - Romancing the Vine expenses are coming in but revenue will not come until February.
  - Para expenses looks lower than last year, but a \$30,000 payment to DPS was just made in January.
  - Library has used \$700 PTO budget to purchase new TV and DVD/VCR Combo which is a big improvement.
  - KDG rocking chairs finally arrived and were paid for out of Equipment Support budget (and with the help of \$1,000 Scripps grant).

Special Committee/Event Reports:

- Bookies Night – Generated \$800+ for Library budget (way up for last year)
- Romancing the Vine Event – Space Gallery Friday, February 20. Parent volunteers are designing logo and posters. Proof Liquors is the wine sponsor. There will be a “wishing wall” for parents to sponsor STEAM-related items.
- Volunteer Coordinators – Working on filling next year's positions.
  - Library Audit Coming Soon – scanning 11K books. Volunteers will be needed.
  - School Beautification Committee – find architects or others with expertise to help generate ideas for improving school facility?
- Coffee Talks - Looking at two topics: More Community Service Opportunities for Kids & State of STEAM at Polaris.
- Website – Melanie working on auditing site and identifying updates.
- Lost and Found has been donated twice this year (Clothes to Kids provides clothing to DPS students).

Standing Committees Reports:

- Polaris Annual Fund
  - Annual Fund projected total is close to \$70K as of Jan 12.
  - More effort will be applied this spring to bring in new families, secure LYBUNTS.

- Grocery Cards
  - Everything on Track. People are picking up on a regular basis and we are selling \$2,700+ per month in Sprouts/Vitamin Cottage. Re-loadable cards have generated more than \$3,600 in six months.

#### **IV. New & Unfinished Business**

- Discuss requested increase to Elective Coordinator Stipend to cover employment taxes
  - In February, treasurer will propose a small stipend increase.
  - School needs to form an Electives Strategic Planning Committee to discuss short and long term issues for this flagship program. Vision, mission, etc. Jane Hartgrove will discuss with Karin Johnson.
- New ePost service tests in December with Mail Chimp went well.
  - Gives new list management options and is easier to use and less expensive than Woven Technologies.
  - If we change to a new service, it will happen over the summer.
- School Directory: Is there a way to make it electronic as well?

#### **V. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm**