

Manoa PTO Meeting  
Tuesday, January 17, 2017  
School Library 7pm

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**Meeting called to order by Amy Kraiza**

**In attendance:** Jim Berkey, Steph Kelly, Michelle Scullin, Kristin Simmons, Megan Garrett, Lauren Sullivan, Debbie Politano, Angela Urso, Iain McClements, Amy Kraiza, Alex McClearn, Betsy Berkey, George Ramoundos, Ellen Donovan, Therese Menear, Amy McClements, Carmen Bilc, Helene Conroy-Smith

**Welcome:** Amy Kraiza and Iain McClements

Welcome all! We are live streaming on FaceBook tonight!

**Last meeting minutes approved:** Betsy Berkey

**Officers' Reports:**

**President's Report- Amy Kraiza**

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser – Bob's Bake at Home Pizza (pizza, strombolis, and cookie dough) and Primos Hoagies (\$10 for hoagies and \$21 for large subs) vouchers. We want to raise money for a new Manoa mustang mascot uniform. Kids will name the mascot and it can be used for lots of school events for years to come. This will be the legacy gift of the 2017 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Everyone in the school can sell the vouchers. PayPal can be used to make the purchases through the website and voucher will be sent to you or cash/check can be submitted with the fundraiser form. It is now scheduled to end the end of January, but we are looking into extending this date. Please share on FB and with your families and friends!
- Holiday teachers' fund – Families can give whatever amount they would like to contribute to this fund. Families donated \$1586.10 for the teachers to use towards needs for the school.
- Bingo Night – February 3, \$5/adult, \$2/child, you can preorder pizza to eat in the cafeteria beginning at 6:30. Bingo starts at 7:00 doors open and 7:30 Bingo begins!

**Treasurer's Report- Alex McClearn**

- Holiday Fair Raised \$2300.

- Total money raised this year to date \$24,614; total expenses this year to date \$25,625
- Check request form is now online for chairs to use to get reimbursed for events

### **Corresponding Secretary- Angela Urso**

- Live streaming tonight!
- 321 Likes now☺ on FB
- Mrs. Scott out having her baby! We'll be donating a book for her.
- The link to purchase a yearbook is out on FB; these are online sales only. You can also find the link on the PTO website. 5<sup>th</sup> graders get a yearbook for free – maybe 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents could have the option to donate money to help cover the cost of the books. The PTO is also going to look into creating a yearbook form for those who want to order a yearbook with check.
- There is a link on the FB page for any parent to send in pictures that could be included in yearbooks

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Yearbook-Marian Pelton, Angela Urso & Alexis Knorr

- how to order (website & facebook link & paper instructions)
- how to send pics
- confirm changes with Marian & Alexis before announce to everyone
- Promote beginning of next year

#### Holiday Fair – Megan Garrett, Lisa Jesse, Lauren Sullivan and Heather Chickery

- All went well, but more volunteers were needed, going to look into getting middle school/high school volunteers for next years.

#### IDC- Carmen Bilc, Jim Berkey and Kristin Simmons

- Met in November, Dr. Ruesche was there – talking about after school club policies and building use policies. There will be a distinction made between non-profit and for-profit businesses (for-profit businesses will get a facility fee).
- There is a hold on any new clubs until the policy is finalized
- Big focus on science and language in the clubs and discussion that perhaps the district needs to look at what they currently offer students
- Giant rewards program - not writing checks to PTO, but to the school. Meet with the principal to talk about goals for that money
- Updating enrollment projections – more K and 1st graders, but class sizes will remain the same
- Field trip policies – discussions about uniformity among the schools for field trips are on going.

#### Young Writer's Day- Steph Kelly, Melissa Carroll

- Was December 2<sup>nd</sup> and very successful – thank you to Melissa and Alex for their support
- New authors this year who got positive feedback

### Young Writer's Luncheon – Michelle Scullin and Therese Menear

- Great success!
- Asked businesses and families for donations
- Came in under budget!
- Later date (Young Writer's day is typically the Friday before Thanksgiving) made getting donations a bit more challenging

### Family Reading Night- Debbie Politano and Kristin Simmons

- All set for Friday night! We'll do another FB blast and email reminder.
- Can younger siblings come? Yes! They can either go with the Kindergarteners or their siblings
- A flyer will go out to teachers inviting them to come and Mrs. Donovan offered to mention it to the teachers in her PTO meeting report
- Book donations go to a toy store in Ardmore who sends them to a school in Philadelphia in need of books

### Variety Show – Helene Conroy-Smith

- The call went out to the kids to sign up!
- It's been mentioned on FB along with deadline dates to sign up for each grade and music
- Practice on March 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:15 for younger kids and after that will be the older kids
- March 10<sup>th</sup> is the show at 7:00

### Principal Report-George Ramoundos

- Great Holiday Fair!
- Wonderful Young Writer's Day - the kids were very engaged and it was a great event
- Holiday fund – Thank you! The reading team would like more guided reading leveled books. These books are for all teachers to use. This resource reaches all the children
- Morning Arrival – kids should not arrive before 8:30, there is no supervision before 8:30. This is for the children's safety. Please have kids exit the car on the passenger side as much as possible. If parents want to get out of their car, please park in the parking lot.
- Wear winter gear for the cold weather
- Going to try a lunch box bin to keep lunches off the ground during recess

**Staff Report:** Mrs. Donovan – thank you for Young Writer's Day! The kids really were engaged and the teachers and kids love it. The teachers enjoyed the lunch too 😊

**Questions & Answers:** Teacher Appreciation Luncheon? It will most likely continue to be the last Friday of Teacher Appreciation Week and the same day as the Fun Fair.

**Announcements:** Field Day – in years past we've given something to the kids, we're open to suggestions

**VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**

**Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, February, 21 in the library**

**Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 p.m. and was passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Berkey