Parents' Club Meeting November 14, 2018

Parents and Staff Present: Lisa Southard, Cathy Norris, Misti Hudson, Bethany Cobb, Sheila Cash, Mimi Killoren, Mary Stewart Loring, Mary Pacolette Genoble, Amanda Gilman, Sarah McGirt, Marjorie Appiah, Lee Healy, Bethany Cobb, Elaine Gosnell, Sally Thomas, Tricia Barr, David Lyon, Tina Lyon

Laura Stille opened the meeting at 8:05am

Previous Minutes: Tricia moved, Mimi seconded – all approved

Before the official agenda, Laura explained the Google Team Drive and that all Parents' Club information will eventually be housed there. Also, each Committee head will be getting a unique e-mail address for their event.

Treasurers' Report:

- Cathy explained that the financials are on the Team Drive and Laura shared a budget update. There is not a lot yet due to the time of year. All updates can be viewed on the Team Drive.
- Cathy reiterated that separate scanned receipts are preferred.
- There has been a request from Tim Fisher for more House T Shirts.

Annual Fund Request:

David and Tina Lyon spoke on behalf of the Annual Fund and requested \$25,000 for this year's fund. A request was made for an additional \$5,000 if needed. Laura made the motion to approve \$25,000 (with a \$5,000 reserve) and all were in favor, so the motion was approved.

Admissions Report:

Casey Bell reported that Bethany Cobb is doing admissions for pre-school and that Casey is handling all others. This school year, we have eight new committed students and 10 are in process. Last year, we had a total of five enroll.

Casey also explained that Scholarship Saturday information is coming and that sibling application fees are waived through November. Casey asked that all Parents share SDS information as word of mouth is our best reference.

Committee Briefings:

Book Fair: Marjorie reported that it was a success although final numbers are not available yet. Katie Clayton won the Big Air raffle.

Spirit Wear: Elaine reported net sales of \$588 from Sept. sale. A holiday sale is now in progress and has been marketed via flyers and social media.

Gala: Misti reported that this year will be a circus theme and it will be held at the school on March 2, 2019. There will be a big tent, fun food and fabulous entertainment. There will be great auction items and donations are appreciated. Cathy will be managing the Gesture system. Dress is super casual, and we all need to help get the word out, especially to new parents.

Bake Sales: Amanda Gilman and Mary Pacolette Genoble reported that items can be dropped off this Thursday and Friday. There will be carts in each lobby to put your baked goods. Bake Sale is Friday, November 16th.

Box Tops, Publix, Amazon, etc.: Sarah McGirt reported that the first Box Top collection event raised over \$400 and that a hot chocolate party is scheduled for the winning class. Publix fundraising is now done online, and you must link your number. Then simply provide your number at checkout. You can also link your Ingles card to SDS for fundraising and don't forget to shop Amazon Smile for the holiday season.

Division Updates:

Lower School – Mary Stewart-Loring report that LS FR8 Yard event has been rescheduled to December 5th and that the LS is also going to do a Bingo night soon. A new initiative this year is that Teachers will receive a little "surprise" each month to show appreciation. Ashley Stokes has returned from leave. Mary Stewart also reminded everyone that there are several holiday themed parities and performances coming up.

Middle School and Upper School – no one is attendance to provide updates.

President's Report:

- Strategic Plan is currently in information phase. More to come.
- Socials and Programs have been well received and there is another Lunch planned for January 16th.
- November 27th Joe Pinella will speak on drugs and alcohol.
- We need more ideas for speakers and programs. Marjorie voiced an idea about Black History Month.

Next Meeting – January 16, 2019 - will be a lunch meeting at noon. Board will meet prior to luncheon.

Key Dates – Laura shared upcoming dates. They are available on the Parents' Club section of the SDS Website.

Adjourned at 9:15am

Respectfully Submitted.

Tricia Barr Parents' Club Secretary