

Park Road Montessori
PTO Minutes
June 1, 2016

Members Present: Maggie Barker, Karen Delozier, Curt Fruel, Jill Goodrich, Kyle Kauffman, Jodie Lowe, Anna Moraglia, Jennifer Moore, Susan Plaza, Cynthia Stone, Melinda Henry, Cynthia Wood, Maury Finger, Heathir Speet

President's Report: This is the final PTO meeting of the 2015/16 year. A motion was made and April minutes were approved. Jill thanked all members, committee chairs, and executive committee for their work throughout the year. Thank you to Kyle for the extensive amount of work he has done with tracking the budget. Toni is the incoming president, transition should be smooth as there is adequate documentation to help the process.

Treasurers Report: There are still funds from Invest left to spend. These can be carried over with approval from Ms. Moraglia and Kyle. Ms. Cynthia asked what the spending policy is for the summer, is there a way that teachers can submit invoices instead of getting reimbursed? Kyle said yes, send request by email to Ms. Moraglia and Kyle. Curt reminded everyone that the books close June 30. Marathon money is available for later in the summer. Melinda requested more funds allocated to her. Kyle said there will likely be funds available to supplement her budget. There are a few line items budgeted that have not been spent, Ms. Moraglia would like to carry these over. There is \$7,800 left unallocated. There have been requests made on how to spend this money (sculpture, AV equipment, etc.); the new executive committee will take this on over the summer. There has been a memorial fund donation discussed, the parents of current students want to honor a deceased grandparent. Ms. Cynthia said we should acknowledge this type of donation with a plaque or some documentation.

Fundraising: Karen reported that we reached our goals for fundraising. She mentioned Amazon Smile, suggested publicizing this more. Jill said there have been ongoing discussions about streamlining our fundraising process.

Communications: Jodie said the initial contact at the beginning of the year is important so parents are aware of all the ways information is given out. This position is unfilled for next year.

25th Anniversary Committee: Cynthia Wood and Maury gave an update on the sculpture and anniversary committee. The rough budget is about \$18,000 for the sculpture alone. They are looking for grants, will sell bricks with plaques to raise money, they plan to reach out to alumni, other Montessori schools, and the city to raise funds. Maury mentioned that the parts can be phased in (sculpture, garden around it, brick circle.) Cynthia reached out to teachers to start the initial process by purchasing the metal needed. The goal is to have this completed by Earth Day 2017. The sculpture will take several months to complete. Ms. Charlotte is working with them on a location, between A and B buildings. They are also discussing this with the property manager from CMS. Ms. Maggie said this piece is a statement on educational reform. There was some discussion about using the \$7,800 unallocated funds for this purpose. Kyle said we have the money to spend up front and reimburse later, please keep him in the loop with future discussions. Ms. Charlotte, Ms. Trisha, and other teachers will be advising as this moves

forward. The celebration could include an evening gala ticketed event with alumni, parents, teachers, community members, etc, more than just a school centered thing. .

Principal's Report: Ms. Kathy is retiring and will be replaced by Melissa Toner. Ms. Christine is leaving as well. Her replacement from SC is coming in next week to meet with the students.