



NM School for the Arts Parents Association Meeting MINUTES- September 10, 2016

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MINUTES from the last Meeting- Were distributed, to be approved on the end of the meeting. The secretary Kim Spay is not present at the last meeting because of the time change. Ana is recording and will get the minutes ready for the next meeting.

Any additions to the agenda- A student is present to talk about donation to the percussion department. Bill added Carpooling to the agenda.

Student report first- On account of the percussion department and the percussion director Jessie Parker, I want to thank all of you for the contribution to purchase the new set of ... it has allowed us to expand our percussion repertoire. I have good news there has also been a donation of drums. I haven't told Jessie, but you can Jessie know.

Treasurer's report- Since last meeting approvals and paperwork was done to get....Gotten new numbers from accountant. There are several founding accounts. One where parents make a donation to the school, another is the parent association fund not clear about the third. The plan is for Cindy, Larry and I to have a meeting before the next meeting to get a clear idea about all of that. Last meeting we approved Ryan Cernas funding for his presentation. Which is paid out in installments. We decided to never pay ahead. Only when services are rendered. After pending payments the balance is \$12,732. That is what we think. Ok, we still need to verify. I did not see the deposit for India Market. India market deposit may not be on there for \$2400. For Spanish market it was \$1700 and Smith's for \$791.10. It seems like funds don't always go into the right account. That is a training issue that we have to fix.

New Item- from Dr. Rock. She sent in an email as she could not be present because she had to attend a funeral. She wrote and said " I have provided snacks and hot beverages for students in my room for the past year. This year I would like to request donations from the parents association of hot chocolate, coffee ground or whatever is on sale, tea and cups, for students to have before school, lunch and on breaks. I am happy to have them use my room to make hot beverages. In addition I provided snacks for the students last year, but both are beyond my current budget and I would like help in the form of donations throughout the year to help out our students" She spend \$40 to \$50 a month. She keeps peanut butter, jelly and bread in the cupboard so kids can have snacks. If amount is approved she would buy provisions and give me the receipts and get refunded. There is food depot through the art institute you can buy things at a very reduced price. But they give you a specific day and time to go pick those up at a very reduced price. Someone can volunteer to pick provisions up? She is asking for the material not the money. We have the cups, plates and coffee from our Open House. It would be easy to buy a big thing of apple cider and hot

chocolate. So other teachers can use it too. We were told not to keep food items in that cupboard (problems with a mouse). They can keep it in a room in a bin. From food depot it is quite a process to apply and then they come and inspect your building. Discussion occurred about where to get the snacks and cups and plates from. At the end it will be revised. If all the teacher start asking then it will get out of our hands.

Old Business- Francis fundraiser. Cindy spoke with Francis and they are ready to go. She wants to wait a little bit into the school year and each department will have a page instead of each student. That cuts down on the amount of work each student has to do. There might be some prices within each department. We are thinking of prices like two tickets to the prom. So it doesn't take money out of the fundraising fund. By the next meeting we will be ready to go.

Other Fundraisers- Christmas Eve Parking cars. We talked about kids singing. Taking donations for parking. We could sell cookies. Our first year here we had cider and we attracted a lot of people. What gets more? A price or asking for a donation. Donations. Do we have to look into health rights? Oh yeah! If it is free and donations you get around that. It would also be a good idea to have use of the bathrooms and ask for a donation. There is a gate that comes down and closes off part of the hall. I don't think that will be a problem. We routinely let visitors to Santa Fe use the bathroom and drink water. There are a lot of elderly people who are not used to the altitude and we have throughout the years taken care of people. Electric luminaries. Who wants to chair this event? Who will get the volunteers? Is there a committee. Parking is done from 5 to 6:30. Joey is been in charge of the parking lot, I will talk to him. Motion to move forward. Motion made. Second by Ana. The vote passed unanimously. Selling the parking and having an event and having families come over then there will be no parking. Maybe pre selling spots. Will talk to joey and see what he thinks. Each department could they their own skits and the students could do that.

New Business: Harriet: Food Service has changed. Last year her son complained that portions were very small. This year there are not many vegetarian choices or no vegetarian choices. The food is awful. Canned items. It is true it all follows the student Nutrition program outlined by the federal government food program. It is a service. Because it generates tens of thousands of dollars we have to put out a proposal. The food provider has to go to federal nutrition food provider training. There is a huge amount of paperwork and the profit marking is very small. Consequently we don't get anybody bidding. On a contract that might generate 30 meals a day unless they charge us 10 dls a meal. The reimbursement on a meal from the feds is \$2.75. We have a commitment to that and from our operational budget we make out the difference. That is for a free lunch, reduced lunch or normal lunch so we know that we will never break even. I gave up that dream 3yrs ago. Had this idea that if we broke even it would be great, but now I know that is not possible. So the canned mandarins are because the federal government reimburses schools. We could of not have the program. We would love for every student to have farm to table. Maybe a Sandwich delivery. If we do that we would be out of the federal program. The program itself is bad nationally. What about working with Santa Fe county schools to get them to make 30 extra meals. We do with turquoise trails. We have to test the food when it leaves and when it arrives. We are looking at 30 meals but

may increase to 50. What about getting restaurants to get to provide free meals. A volunteer has come forward. Commitment to give a report in the next meeting.

Car Pooling- comment was made we need addresses. Way to register online with system but is costly. Will get in touch with Rebecca to see what is available at the webpage. Maybe an idea would be to send out a sign up email giving the option to who wants to do it can.

Administrative/staff- I met with Kathryn Openhimer. Talked about how to make more of a community. Not only who is here now. But for past families, future families. How to gather information from people. For example for this Christmas event. We could send an email out. I agreed to draft a survey to gather some information. We would also have results of an economic study that is done for that. Any concerns about that. More than a PA association. A friend of NMSA but it doesn't mean they have students in NMSA or donate to NMSA. With Sambusco we can let people know that is happening. The thought was also for when legislation are pending. We can continue to get money from legislation have a community where calling at the last minute doesn't happen. So we are not chasing the community. Sambusco will be in the heart of the tourist area. More investigation. Comment: I come from a college that had open galleries to display upper student art. It could be an idea to do at Sambusco. Get Kathryn to come and present. Nothing to vote.

Dance lesion: Holly Baldwin – Not here

Theater lesion: Lindsay Gartner – Not here

Music lesion: Dorothy Wells – Not here

Visual arts lesion- Bill (spoke, could not hear what he said) Las Vegas. Needing more Chaperones for the bus.

PA Closet is cleaned and organized usually unlocked.

When approved the minutes will go on the website.

Agenda will go out a week before the meeting.

Comment about the fact there is loads of coffee. Can we give some to seagrave? Apple cider too. Approved.

Changes to the Minutes.

David – it was David Sandoval

Next meeting Oct. 1st 1pm.

Adjourned time was not recorded.