

In attendance: Renée Grzankowski, Carrie Stoner, Dinah Yessne, Mary Alice Proffitt, and Sarah Lipton

- Introductions

- Artist-In-Residence Update

Dinah informed the group that we did not receive the Turell Grant. They sent a very thoughtful letter outlining their own financial limitations but did encourage us to apply again. The Vermont Director informed Dinah that there are individual trustees that may be able to fund our request, but there is no known date this may happen by at the time of the meeting. Dinah has contacted Brent McCoy from Yes! Theater and informed him that we would not be able to have Maya join in on the residency. The PTNO will cover the remainder of the cost for the residency (\$2250). Dinah checked the contract for Brent and a check for the entire residence must be given the first day, Monday, December 16th. Renée committed to making that happen.

Cat also meet with Dinah and committed to help with fundraising in anyway. Dinah also has planned a snack of cider and popcorn for the entire school for before the performance on Friday, Dec 20th.

Dinah will be sending an invitation to the entire Washington Central UUSD School Board to attend the performance as well.

For grant application planning for next year, Dinah inquired as to the intent of performing another Residency and Winter Wellness program next year. The group agreed to invite Cat to the January meeting to discuss this year's residency and plan for next year. The artist of choice would be Jeh Kulu, as they were a very popular choice with the teacher's for this year's residency. We will propose an entire week but will also support a single day if that is what Cat thinks will be better for the students.

- Financial Report--Renée

Renée gave the financial report. Since the last meeting the only activity was a deposit of \$25. This was donation from the Halloween Party. There will be no other requests for reimbursement from this event. There is currently \$500 in the checking account and \$12,367.52 in the savings. The group discussed the lower than expected funds from Box Tops. With the change to scanning, there has been less participation. The recruitment of a Box Tops Captain could help with this decline.

- Winter Wellness Update

Renée gave the report on the activities of the Winter Wellness Committee (which includes Alex Morse, Lisa Levainge and Renée). The survey results were tabulated. There were 61 respondents. 64% wanted alpine ski/ride with lessons. The second choice was Cross Country skiing. There was agreement from parents/guardians that students leaving at 7:30am could be done. There were also respondents willing to contribute money towards the event. 20 said they would be willing to chaperone, but only 15 gave their names.

Smuggs seems to be the best fit based on cost and the activities offered. The group has started brainstorming the labeling of equipment, storage of lunches and departure

times of the busses. A permission slip has already been started and a lesson will be required for all Alpine skiers/riders. The group is working on two days in March and it will probably be a Friday and then the following Thursday. The days chosen are both days in which Alex Morse is at the school. Wednesday is not a viable option as it is a shorter day.

It looks like the budgeted \$5900 will not cover all expenses. The cost of the buses is going to be a large part of the budget. Mary Alice proposed that the fundraising committee solicit funds to raise this money. Renée will put together an estimate of what is needed to transport all the students, staff and chaperones that will be attending.

- Fundraising Committee

Mary Alice suggested that a defined project will be the best way to get this committee going. With a set amount needed for the busing for winter wellness there is a goal that the committee will work towards. She will use the volunteer list from the beginning of the year to recruit help. Carrie volunteered to also be on the committee.

As part of this topic, it was discussed that a formal thank you is needed for Annie and Peter. A photo of the kids at the mountain with a signed frame is a possibility. The help and support from their donation needs community recognition as without it there could be no Winter Wellness.

- Cougar Wear

There have only been three orders. Carrie will place the advertisement again in the newsletter and on FPF.

- Pasta Dinner January 24th 6pm—

Mary Alice volunteered to be a sous chef with Bryan Weller. Carrie will email both to set up her helping in the kitchen. Donations are still coming in and Megan Houghton's help has been pivotal.

- Round Table

Sara brought up the fact that there is a donated quilt from the town offices in the school office. She wondered if the PTNO would like to make a project out of it. The group suggested displaying it on a table at the pasta dinner to spark some interest in restoring it for a more permanent display.

- Next meeting January 13th, 6-7pm

Invite Cat to discuss Yes! Theater week and Winter Wellness/Artist-In-Residence for next year