

Roxboro PTA general meeting 3.14.18

Call to order 6:07 by Clare Taft

Approval of January minutes-there was a motion to approve. The minutes were approved.

Clare Taft began with a brief summary of the **budget**

Book fair did not do as well as it has before-it is likely the December BOGO was part of the decrease, but also the school has fewer students than we have had in years past. Additionally, Scholastic has changed the way they generate revenue by altering their payout scheme. This year they offer participating schools Scholastic Dollars rather than, as it has been in the past, cash. So we don't get the same return on our sales as we have in prior years. We can use the Scholastic Dollars for some of the teacher supplies. The book fair is a lot of work and does not generate a lot of income. We have thought about changing our book partner and teaming up with Mac's Backs, a local bookshop, for future book fairs. The PTA will need to brainstorm on new ways to run future book fairs. In general, we set up the budget this year to spend 10K more this year than we are planning on bringing in. We are on track to spend more than we bring in to write down the surplus. We are in good shape to continue spending this year, but going forward we will need to cut back on spending.

Jackalyn Fehrenbach from the Heights Boys and Girls club

She is the new director of the Heights Boys and Girls club. She has been working for them for 8 years. She discussed the misconceptions about club and that is it not just for play. They do have game rooms, computer room, but also offer high quality programming in academics, healthy lifestyles, character leadership. For middle school they have offer Torch Club which is focused on community service and children get help plan and choose which kind of service program they want to do. For teens they help with planning and taking college visits, scholarships, and writing programs. All staff have a college degree. They will run a Spring break camp at \$35 for the entire week. All of the field trips include lunch. Summer camp programming includes breakfast, lunch, swimming, yoga, computers, etc. They are located at Lee and Washington across from the High School.

Joyce Roeper and Kim from Reaching Heights

The mission of Reaching Heights is excellent public education. They came tonight to let us know that they are here to support us and we should let them know how they can help. Their big fundraiser is the Spelling Bee and they encouraged the PTA to join in the fun. Reaching Heights been around for decades and they currently connect 37 community organizations to the CHUH schools. The organization is based on community volunteers. Examples of the projects they are involved with are: raising money for private music lessons, have parent mentors for children with disabilities, summer camps and scholarships, in 2019 all musical groups in the district will go to Severance Hall, and Music Camp. The music camp does fill up quickly and there are a lot of scholarships. Spelling Bee proceeds go directly to their programming. Clare,

Jeff, Bruce will be RoxEI's school representatives this year at the Spelling Bee. The bee is taking place at the high school this year and it would be nice to have a cheering section.

Shelley Pulling's School Update

Testing schedule will be up shortly. We had One School One Book and had a great time. We have already chosen a new book from Mac's Backs for next year. We will meet this week to talk about programming for next year. One School One Book will run in October next year. The new book could end up turning into a theme for the year. We had a panel discussion for grades 3-5. Our kids asked great questions. Linda organized and that's impressive. Vanessa's story was most impressive. We had the "walk up" today rather than the "walk out" planned at schools across the country. Ms. Pulling left it up to the teachers to decide how and what they wanted to address since it is a sensitive issue and the topic would need to be tailored to each grade level. Multicultural night was a great evening. We have Kindergarten information night tomorrow.

There is no formal report yet on our IB programming evaluation. There were several positive takeaways and the IB evaluators were happy with the collaborations amongst our teachers, Ms. Garcar, and Ms. Pulling. The place they noted for improvement was in depth of planners. The children were engaged and participatory with the IB team. NAEP is not happening. IB was not a renewal. The school will have a lockdown drill soon.

Committee Reports

Clare reported on the Just Write a Check campaign. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We do really well and we'd like to hit our target this year. We ask for donations from community and neighbors and deliver a copy of Rox Reader. Family letters will go out soon and someone will talk to kids about donating during lunch. Incentives this year include a ROX magnet for \$50 donation and a Tiger Nation yard sign for a \$200 donation. We are working with Heights Foundation for more gear. There has been some discussion about moving JWaC to a different time of year.

Building Rox

Jen Holland

Heights Performing Arts Camp has great donors and now funds up to \$4000. St. Paul's Episcopal Church has been a big source of donations. We have 24 students registered to participate in camp. Lance will follow up with applications. AVI provides lunch for camp. It runs July 16-Aug 3 and the final performance will be on August 4. The camp is listed in the community In Focus magazine. The fundraiser goal is \$5000. Any extra money will be used as seed money for next year. We are bigger this year than last and continue to grow. We'd like to partner with Camp Roosevelt in the future and give out Building Rox personal achievement awards.

RoxEI run

Roxanne Bain and Gillian Cox

The run is Sat May 19th. Tomorrow night will be brainstorming session. Run club starts week after spring break. We would like to get a PR person, graphic designer, sponsors, male volunteers, and more elementary schools involved. There will be lunch promos in school.

RoxArts

Rosemary Pierce

Roxarts does more than the in school residencies, we have also purchased sound systems and support both middle schools. We expanded this year with Heights Schools Foundation. Every school in the district can submit a grant and apply through Heights Schools Foundation website. We are happy to say that we now support ALL elementary and middle schools in the district. Heights Schools Foundation has been a great partner. Our big upcoming event is the RoxArts auction on April 28th. The auction has been pared down this year and we will have a silent disco. Raise the paddle for Heights Arts Performing Camp and to Heights School Foundation. We will auction raffle ticket baskets from each grade and will be preselling basket tickets. Next committee meeting is tomorrow at 11am at Kathy Blackman's house. Would like to see all elementaries represented at the auction. We will be able to give \$2000 to each elementary in the district. Our level stays same-every grade at Roxboro K-8 and Monticello 6-8 get \$1000 each.

Upcoming Events-Clare Taft

RoxEI spelling bee-April 27th we need new co-chair for next year

Talent show-May 3rd A bake sale will run during the talent show

Auditions for talent show are on April 9th

Teacher Appreciation Week in May-we need a chair who can set up the Signup genius, communicate with room parents, set up lunch, set up massage therapist, etc.

Next meeting May 9th-elections

RoxEI Run is May 19th

Succession planning

We need a nominating committee for President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer

We would like to have two VPs

The nominating committee should consist of 2 members of governing board, 2 alternatives, two regular board, and Ms. Pulling

We will have a Governing board meeting in April

Other open committee spots

Back to school popsicle party

Breakfast with Mom (would be nice to have a Dad run this event)

Back To school BBQ

Rox swag sales

New family welcome committee

Co chair for dances

Holiday gift drive

After school programming

Written communicating-Claudia
Web designer

There was a **motion to approve the nominating committee**-and it was approved

Nicole Tugeau made a note to keep the dialogue open and encouraged 3rd grade parents to get the necessary information about the **gifted self contained** classrooms that begin in 4th grade and to meet and talk with other parents.

The **meeting was adjourned** 7:50pm