

# MINUTES

## **Sequoia APT General Meeting January 9, 2015**

Courtney Odden, President Elect, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Amy Mariucci, Principal Leiper and other Executive Board Officers missed the meeting to attend the Grow with sUSd tour.

### **Executive Board Officers in attendance:**

Courtney Odden, President Elect; Tracy Cheney, Recording Secretary; Shannon Myers, Treasurer; Michelle Moriarty, Deposit Chair; Lisa Kanarish, VP Community Relations; Tanya Kaiser, VP Services; Lisa Hoberg, Advisor

**Total attendance:** 11

### **VOTE**

**Ms. Myers moved to approve the Minutes from the general meeting held on December 5, 2014; Ms. Kanarish seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Ms. Myers reported on the P&L. Ms. Myers noted that the Scrip program continues to yield nominal profits, which should be weighed against the time and energy to administer the program. The APT brainstormed additional ways to promote the program.

Ms. Hoberg reported the next Scottsdale Parent Council (SPC) meeting is Jan. 21 at Desert Mountain High School. Ms. Hoberg reported how to subscribe to SPC's Request to Speak system to follow and submit opinions on pending legislation affecting education. Instructions are also in today's Week Ahead.

Pat Moraca reported that the APEX Fun Run is on track.

Ms. Odden reported that talent show auditions were held earlier in the week and students will be notified in the next couple of days. Ms. Odden reported on the Used Book Fair. Only kids' books will be accepted this year. The APT will host Pastries with Parents in conjunction with the book fair.

Ms. Kanarish reported final Angel Tree results. Sequoia donated more gifts than any other group. Ms. Kanarish expressed how rewarding it was to distribute the gifts and would like to find a way for more people to participate. Ms. Kanarish noted upcoming Sequoia Family Fun Nights.

Chanen Brizula reported there will be a Jamberry Nails fundraiser Jan 26-30. Ms. Brizula reported positive feedback using the Give Smart platform for the Silent Auction, but recommends forming a committee and starting earlier next year.

Ms. Odden reported positive feedback on Sequoia Glows. Ms. Kaiser reported on Movie Night scheduled for March 27 and solicited ideas for a movie, food and activities. She is seeking to offset the cost of the vendor with a donation.

Ms. Odden reported that the district has decided to administer the AZ Merit test online. The district recently completed updating the computer labs. Science will still be under AIMS and given in writing. Testing starts the end of March and continues through April. Ms. Feah will oversee the testing at Sequoya as well as Cochise. Because of limited seats in the computer lab, each student will be assigned a personal testing schedule. Scores will not count this year. APT will provide snacks on testing days.

Ms. Odden reported that Young Authors' Day will be moved up to March 20 so as not to conflict with AZ Merit.

Ms. Kaiser noted that the deadline to order yearbooks is Jan. 30 and clarified that this is the only time to order a yearbook.

Ms. Odden reported less participation than hoped for the first Grow with sUSd tour but positive traction for next year (Cherokee asked to be included). Some thought an afternoon tour might be better attended.

Ms. Odden noted that an Art Walk Chair is still needed. Ms. Odden noted that she would be reaching out to current board members to determine what positions will be open next school year. Belinda Large volunteered to run the Back-to-School Edu-kits for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Myers noted the Costco event on Feb. 28.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sequoya Family Fun Night, Peter Piper Pizza, Jan. 15
- Scottsdale Parent Council meeting, Jan. 21, 9:30 a.m., Desert Mountain H.S.
- Kindergarten Roundup, Jan. 22, 5-7 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade panoramic and club pictures, Jan. 22
- Used Book Fair collections Jan. 20-23; Used Book Fair Jan. 29-30
- Dr. Peterson office hours, Jan. 26, 7:30 a.m.
- Spring pictures, Feb. 5
- APT, Feb. 6, Express Lane 8:30 a.m. / General Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- Talent Show Feb. 6, 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.