

Cortes Island School PACMinutes

Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 3:00pm

In Attendance: Erica, Rose, Amy, Lucy, Micheal, Taylor, Alanah

1. Erica called to order at 3:05pm.
2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting - Rose moves. Erica seconds. All approve.
3. TRC Day review/update/suggestions
 - Better at Klahoose overall even though it was a last-minute change of location. Klahoose kids were proud to host. Better help with clean up from school kids in future. Discussion.
 - Klahoose offered to host every year. Workers at Klahoose appreciate being included and able to attend.
 - Inclusion of community - can be up to 120 (?) people at Multi-Purpose Building
 - Erica suggested a parade through Klahoose in the future. Rose pointed out the physical activity needed for kids.
 - Streamlining serving feasts in general - rhythm for serving: elders, special guests, little kids then older kids (called by class), adults + cooks. Discussion; no seconds until everyone has eaten.
4. Next Feast - Turkey Dinner - Oct 17.
 - Dairy-free option
 - **Taylor will make a flyer for hot lunch and give it to Ranae.**
5. Fall Fair (October 29)
 - Outside, Bonfire, dance, optional costumes, 2 big pots of soup + baking, 50/50 draw, games and activities (?).
 - Erica is not around to spearhead this. **Rose will make print-out to go with envelopes. Rose and Amy will stuff envelopes. Send out by Oct 15, back by 28th. Take to stores (not Squirrel Cove).**
 - **Taylor will make 2 big soups**, baked good donations, dinner rolls.
 - **Taylor will ask for baked good donations, make flyer and post.**
 - Volunteers: Rose (firewood and fire), Amy, Taylor (soup, playlist), Erica, Alanah
 - Volunteers for Clean Up - 3 people : Micheal
 - Gym decorating: Rose, Amy, Lucy - lights, bats (**Micheal will reach out to Ranae about where the decorations are stored**).
 - Pumpkins - **Micheal will see if older kids can carve pre-event for decorating.** Discussion - Pumpkin decorating event at the fair.
 - **Erica will send out an email looking for more volunteers.**
6. Winter Fair - 2 Events

- Micheal suggested a stocking raffle. Also, Gala event w/ silent auction, evening, 19+, wine and dessert, ticket for drink and dessert at Gorge or Mansons hall - Friday Dec 13 - \$25 ticket, 7 -11, shuttle, cookie sales.
- **Advertise Nov 1**, tickets at stores, tickets to send home, 7 -11, shuttle, cookie sales
- **Rose will organize letters for stocking items/ silent auction and will enquire about booking Manson's Hall.**
- Micheal to DJ and MC.
- **Taylor will make poster for Gala for Nov 1 and post ongoing.**
- **Ask for auction items to go out mid-October**
- For the kids: singing, hot apple cider, in school hours - Micheal will figure out with teachers - Dec 19 - Kids Winter Fest - 1-2:45

7. Grant Opportunities

- Information on available grants - we are getting the Gaming Grant of maximum \$2000. Grant In Aid is still up in the air/ hasn't opened yet.
- Rose: Last year both the School and the CIA applied for Grant in Aid and were approved by the on island Cortes Foundation Community Jury. When it went to the SRD they said they could not fund either as it was a government entity, getting tax dollars already. So they both asked the PAC if we could facilitate the funds. Michael got on it immediately and that is how we got the Art Room storage built. The CIA application got caught up in semantics and just got approved at the SRD level. However, there was concern that it would hinder our eligibility for the Grant in Aid for this year so I wrote a letter expressing my concerns and making sure that we were all on the same page regarding how things went down.
- Micheal brought up developing grants, hiring Immanuel McKenty. Rose, Erica and possibly Miranda are also available to write grants. Micheal offered to pay grant writers and wants to get more organized.
- Rose suggested the CCHA could possibly support PAC in applying for/holding grants as they have charitable status and have done this for other organizations on island.
- Possible Grants: Indigo Grant - one time - huge. Erica mentioned Kevin Patrick from the district wrote a small cheque (\$125) last year.
- Andrea from the Cortes Foundation is organizing social profiles as a resource for donors to access. **Rose is setting up a meeting to further organize.**
- **Micheal will follow up with grants.**

8. Financial Update

- \$1000 of budget spent so far. Rose asked about purchases on the coop account. Clarified they were for TRC Lunch.

9. Calendar of Events for 2024-25

- Feasts - Oct 17 Turkey Dinner, Nov 21 Fairy Light, Dec no feast, Jan 16 Tree Fest, Feb 13 Feast of the Heart.
- Fairs - Book Fair - **Michael is working on it.** It will be in the spring.
- Rose suggested the possibility to Pledge-a-tree or help with cone maintenance for the Community Forest through Mark Lombard.
- Spring - sell seeds, compost, cookie - possibly Mar 13. Agreed to leave further planning for the spring until next meeting.

10. Meeting adjourned 4:25