



MONTECITO UNION SCHOOL FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING NOTES
Thursday, June 2nd, 2022
8:45 AM

Meeting called to order at 8:45 am

Meeting Minutes, Gina Brooke approved, Carolyn seconded

President's Report, Tara Fergusson

Welcome to the board new members!

Volunteering categories – we had a lot of sign-ups on parent square, still missing a carnival co-chair to help with carnival. We need 5th grade parents for the reception, need someone for Garden Club, in need of financial secretary as well.

Summer Work – outdoor pavilion we have given Tara discretion to spend up to \$15 without sending emails for approval

Next Meeting – 9:30 on August 18th at Nature Lab

Asking for Volunteer hours – 5 “opportunities” per family, announced at back-to-school night
Binder – if everyone could create a binder for your position for something to pass on to every new person coming into position,

Vice President, Carolyn Fitzgerald

Grants – last year we hired a grant writer and raised up to \$125K, we have a new grant writer now. Now updating all materials, will be applying for more over the summer,

Gina Brooke –

Back to School Picnic, will extend it a bit, will have the pizza truck again and two lines or Rori's this time, coffee too, Friday afternoon 4pm-6pm, YMCA will be included for activities with kids, will be done the same day school classes are announced

Ben Hyatt will be working on a postcard for MUSF to go out with a donation page as well, include a pie chart on it, also include some other information that MUSF does such as library books,

Erica Leggio – budget review!

Carnival income – 82k; Gala income - \$233K; jog a thon income - \$29K; Fundraising income - \$254K; Comm Building income - \$27K; Programs \$2k

Outdoor Learning Pavilion will have bids opening tomorrow, if it comes in somewhere around \$250 maybe we can make it naming rights for the Make It Bloom Gala,

We will move past our budget this year, with moving forwards with the Outdoor Learning Pavilion

Gala update – Bailee Roberts

Successful! Andrew Firestone did an incredible job,

Miramar – opened the bar upon arrival, 5th graders doing the live auction items made a huge impact, selling of the root trees made about \$50k for naming rights of the trees, food was expensive but good,

Anthony Superintendents Report –

Vertical Gardens – electricity in, water in 6th graders planting this week

Outdoor Learning Pavilion bid tomorrow!

Neighbors- conversations with neighbors we are state property as a school, we are working together

Covid- 300 tests in the last 4 weeks, more exposures the last 4 weeks, in a different phase of pandemic, county recommendations changing, school will help provide more tests, but please also buy some if you can,

MTSS – full time teacher and several teachers working on making sure every student gets what they need to succeed, social emotional and behavioral support will be a part next year

Animals – persuasive writing from the 6th graders, one class focused on what would be the next animal, working on next year an animal enclosure for pigmy goats, possibly have (3)! Design the enclosure with an eye for expansion, will be coming in the Spring most likely,

Botanic Garden – built hive casitas, explore sense, will be coming to Nature Lab for good

D & E Buildings – project has already begun, moving all will begin next week,

Survey analysis – school lunches were the main concerns, we have a new cuisine company we are approaching, also looking into the possibility of researching for a kitchen

Montecito Library is doing three sessions over the summer in the Nature Lab

Next Meeting August 18th at 9:30 am