

GPC Minutes March 9, 2015

Attendees: Cathy Beck
Jen Platt
Keri Morrison
Nicole Bailey
Maureen Kazemi
Jessica Lebowitz

Ann Shipley
Rebecca McConnell
Catherine DeBellis
Maria Rufe - librarian
Nancy Shew

Library Update: Maria Rufe (librarian) came to explain the needs of the library. She explained that space is an issue so purchases have to be “thoughtful.” The only funding the library receives is from the Book Fair and State Money (not guaranteed). She has numerous ideas to stock the library:

1. Families can donate outgrown books.
2. Birthday Book Club
3. “Shelfari” on Amazon (this is available now).
4. Scholastic account (anyone can order anytime. Library code is NXT4V).

Also, Maria would love parent help! Starting next year, she is hoping to include help in the library on Tuesdays. End of this year, she will need help doing inventory. Be on the lookout for a signup genius to help.

Tr Maria would like to update the card catalog system in the library. Right now it is the old drawer/paper system. She is looking to purchase a computer program and then pay an annual fee. It would have 3 stations of access (library, lower school, preschool). Cost estimated at \$1250 (initial purchase), \$95 (annual fee), \$350 (scanner), \$25 (shipping). She also will need a dedicated laptop. She is checking with school to see if there is one already that she can use for this.

Book Fair: Catherine and Lauren will be there kick off night. No one else signed up as greeter. We will have GFS pamphlets there and teacher wish lists. Catherine suggested putting the documents needed to run this and other events into Google documents so it is ready every year. The money raised at the book fair goes directly to the library.

Restaurant Night: Ann Shipley reported that we earned \$209 at Panera (54 receipts). **APRIL 6th Iron Hill** is the next one!!

Cocktail Party: Big Success!!!! We raised \$1000.00 and Isabelle Naylor’s grandparents generously matched what we raised! So we made \$2000.00 for staff development! Way to go!

International Week: GPC supports this week long event. Please be on the lookout for a note from Tr Devon regarding volunteering that week.

Scripts: Suggested we run another one this spring. Maureen Kazemi is willing to run this again. April time period. Great for graduations, wedding, end of year gifts!

GPC Dues: We are still missing dues from some families. It was only \$20 per family. At one time it was \$50, and we drastically lowered it. We rely on this money to have events like the Harvest Fair. We hope to continue to be able to fund this great event, but need dues to do so!

NEXT MEETING: April 6th at 9am