

Kula School PTA ~~Draft~~ Meeting Minutes

12/1/16 | F-103

Attendees: *Kristi Kakiuchi, Chris Bachaus, Amanda Shim, Kaya Kafka, Dionne Carvalho, Daeni Ito, Melanie Devereux, Naomi McCall, Tammy Ramos, Emily Severson, Jennifer Novotney, Dolly Smith, Gretchen Cahana, Brooke Levien, Susan Kim, Tracy Edelhertz, Annie Mellein*

Guests: *Monica Joist*

Harvest Festival Committee: *Ku'ulei Mashino, Joseph Bernd, Jody Kele, Dale Agena, J. Vorhies, Desilee Santiago, Jeff Santiago, Beth Roan, Barbara Purdy, Trina Pocock-Nakasone, and Chanelle (?)*

Call to order – Meeting called to order by President Naomi McCall at 6:00 PM

Vote to approve the last meeting minutes (11/3/16) motioned approved, no objections or changes

Kuulei Mashino - introduced and thanked her Harvest Committee, most of the HF Chairs were present. Big round of thank yous, appreciation, totals, and talk about transition for next year from both the PTA and the HF Committee. There was some talk about who will stay and who will leave their current positions some shared some did not know yet. Grand total although not finalized was \$66,838.00 with a payout of \$55,870.00 = a profit of 47 or 48 K . This number is ~ \$10,000 higher than last year's total. Not all totals were known or given: Corporate Sponsors ~ \$16,500.00 and Games ~ \$4,000 - 7,000.

Great Job EVERYONE and THANK YOU to ALL who participated in this year's Harvest Festival making it a huge success!!! Let's do it again next year, for the ALOHA in our beautiful Kula School Community and to secure funding for both PE and the ARTS, our kids deserve it: MAHALO NUI LOA - MANY THANKS!

Joseph Bernd - will continue with Games in next years Harvest Festival (HF)

Annie Mellein – will do country store again and brought up the point of getting Harvest Festival back to the current Kula School community

David not present but sounds interested in continuing and making improvements for next years layout and set up of HF

Beth Roan – Vendor/ Crafter Chair has been involved for ~14 years with the school

Desilee Santiago - will not continue as next year's Silent Auction Chair but has done since 2011 – Her advice and description of the work included: to have at least 5 people, 2 rounds of letters to 100-150 go out in September and then again in October, there is a folding party, receiving goes to the office, silent auction pro is the program that was purchased and used, it's awesome and user friendly with good support, need 2-4 people the day of, Wi-Fi works great in the field, people picking up their auction items still now and 1% is deducted with card use. Baskets got 89% return rate. Mrs. Shim recommended getting the kids more involved in the helping process, wherever they can be.

Barb Purdy – will not continue as next year's Entertainment Chair but is able to help support any new chair/s. Barb mentioned that in years past each grade level got assigned different categories with one or two leads for each grade level.

Tammy Ramos – will not continue as Corporate Sponsor Chair next year

Mrs. Shim volunteered to co-chair with Kuulei if she is interested in doing it again next year

Chanelle Craft Chair - asked about how the new HF committee would be organized, and would it take place with PTA or be a separate committee like it is today? One answer: The most likely situation is that they will be separate again but ideally the HF subcommittee of the PTA will have both PTA members and other Kula school families involved in order to maintain and continue good communication flow between the two groups. See PTA bylaws for more information.

Mentions were made on how to begin the transition for new HF Chairs: have the first meeting in the cafeteria and include food and create a community where many will attend (if the students want to go the parents will be there, ideas about joining the intro HF meeting with another school event that is widely attended – like Kamp Kula in January). Maybe we should do a movie night with potluck or free food and meet and greet the HF Chairs so that people can learn more about what they do and how to get involved in their area of interest. Perhaps it will include a kids performance to encourage the parents to attend. Focus on building a sense of community and people will want to join and help where they can, when they know what to expect. Have a party with free chili and rice, music, and meet your harvest fest committee. Current chairs want to pass on their knowledge and share the binder with those willing to learn and take over in the future, and new people are needed now for next year as some chairs will not chair next year. Agreed that everyone wants to see Kula School succeed by including alumni and present day students, community members, parents and family in Harvest Fest. Have a pep rally or open house night so that folks can learn more about the HF committee, the jobs and sign up to get involved. There was also mention made to discuss HF at each PTA meeting. Ideas about using the following venues for getting HF volunteers and chairs: Kindergarten Orientation, Mayday, utilizing the shoot drop/pick up for education, mahalos and left over give away from the HF and holding signs saying how much was made, etc. Do a date pole for the next HF transition meeting and include all the folks who attend this meeting.

Fire Up Your Feet = won \$1,000 and water bottle contest won and given to the kids at last assembly by the PTA, way to go families and thanks to Mrs. Shim for having kids log their time.

Tracy brought up having a "Chocolate Affair" fundraiser for Valentine's day and that it's \$26.00 for a table at the 3rd Friday in Makawao, where kids or adult volunteers could work the table to sell hats, ag stuffs, and glow sticks or host a kids zone with games while representing Kula and that other upcountry schools like Kalama, and Makawao schools could collaborate as well. Others mentioned AM Coffee in the courtyard and garage sales.

Teachers Report | Ms. Kakiuchi: Had first quarter assembly, grow the GLO luncheons with Mr., the Book Fair was great as was the turkey gobbling contest

Principal's Report | Mr. B: Extra funding ~\$31,000 coming from the state legislation (\$70 per kid), Thank you to the Chinese Cultural Society for donating \$800.00 for our lion dance on February 2nd at 12:45 pm, Headed to Keokea land on 12/9 with State and County Reps as well as HC & S.

Next PTA meeting 1/12/17

Adjournment: 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Emily Severson