



F O S Meeting Minutes

Date: 2020 12 10

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1. Call to

Order 6:34pm

2. **Minutes from last meeting** ○ Read + Approve Nicole read and approved minutes.
3. **Treasurer's Report-Savings account ~13,000, checking account ~8,200.**
4. **President's Report** ○ Monthly updates
 - Kinder + 2nd grade Charades zoom calls- **Charades event, Friday following Thanksgiving was challenging, unsure if it would be recommended to be done again, due to multiple people talking, variability with internet service.**
 - *The Hundred Dresses* Bedtime Story Hour-**Was attended by ~ 6 kids, went well, kids enjoyed it.**
 - Artome Virtual Art Show wrap up- **48 items were purchased.**
 - December newsletter wrap up-**Completed by Nicole and Jessica.**
 - Outstanding Agenda Items-**Not discussed.**
 - Items discussed with the alderman (during the summer) □ Cleaning out rooms in basement for extra classroom space □ Are SmartTVs installed?
 - IFly tickets ○ New Business
 - Request: Professional Development reimbursements to teachers from FOS. **We discussed professional development options to provide for teachers. Nicole motioned that FOS will do something for teachers for professional development. Jenny with second motion. Nicole will send out email to teachers to gauge interest and to help FOS identify how to divide funds, reimbursement process.**
5. **Committee Reports** ○ **STEM Strong Newsletter** (monthly – publish 2nd one Dec 14)
 - Any feedback on first newsletter? **Feedback was that it was long. Nicole reported she had 5 responses to prompt on newsletter. Nicole recommended impact corner for a list of activities for kids to do that would include a short film.**

- *Regular Features*
 - “Getting to Know”
 - Additional FOS board members for January (Rodell + Jessica?).
 - Ask specific teachers to fill in questionnaire for January.
 - Anyone willing to help write content for January newsletter?
- **Virtual Game Friday Nights** (dates: one per month?) □ FOS will host or arrange virtual games.
 - Should we schedule next one for 1st, 3rd + 4th grades?
 - **“Where Will the Journey Go?” Book Fair** (January? Publish books right before spring break?)
 - Each class writes a book by having one student write a line, then another student reads what was written before and writes the next line. Where will the journey go?
 - FOS will virtually publish books for STEM community to read.
 - **Film Festival**
 - Idea: Do this as a recurring feature with different topics.
 1. First one: Theme = Hope in the New Year
 - a. Organize + promote 5 days of zoom activities for Holiday Break (Dec 28-Jan 1).
 - i. 1 hour zoom call at 10am each of those days
 - ii. Introduce art project for kids to start working on during call. iii. The art projects are related to the idea of Hope.
 - iv. When the kiddos finish their projects, they forward either a photo of the finished project or a 1 minute video of them with their project explaining how it is related to hope or why hope is important or what they hope for in the new year.
 - v. FOS gathers the content from the kids and puts it together in a short film of some sort that we can then distribute for viewing. If there are older (middle school) kids who would like to put the short film together, that would be even better.
- Jessica and Nicole brainstormed having a zoom call five days in a row, one hour each session, the kids would start an activity together on the zoom call, then have each child send a video in that would say what HOPE means to them while holding the project that they did during the ZOOM call. Jessica recommended including the middle school student in the Film Festival via teachers versus ZOOM. The videos will then be put together with title, music, etc, as a way to**

keep our community connected, and to show HOPE for the remainder of the school year.

- Options for additional films could be: **Not discussed**
 1. For MLK Jr day: Social Justice
 - a. FOS can pose a list of questions for kids to respond to, video recorded from home (20 seconds per question max). Those 20 second videos would then be compiled by someone (as class projects maybe or by volunteer adults). Some questions could be:
 - i. What does "Black Lives Matter" mean to you? What have you learned from it?
 - ii. What would you like people to learn from it?
 - iii. Why do you think there is so much violence in Chicago?
 - iv. What do you think MLK Jr would say about civil rights today?
 - v. What do you think about the riots and looting that happened in Chicago this summer?
 - vi. What would you say to people who participated in them?
 - vii. What makes a good leader?
 - viii. Is there a leader that you look up to and admire? Why?
 2. For spring break: Talent Show
 - a. Kids can write + make short films.
 - b. Kids can submit "talent show" type performance.
- 6. **Marketing + Communications + Newsletter**
 - Update from Jessica on website updating. NA
 - Any suggestions for changes to the website? NA
- 7. **Teacher's Report-NA**
- 8. **Student's Report-NA**
- 9. **Announcements-NA**
- 9. **Adjournment 7:13 pm**

Action items:

- 1-Nicole will draft and send email to STEM teachers gauging interest in using FOS funds for professional development dues this year.
- 2-send out zoom links for Film Festival-HOPE sessions December 28-January 1
- 3-promote Film Festival-HOPE events on social medial and via teachers, email
- 4-finalize December newsletter

