

Friends of Franklin (FoF) meeting minutes- 11 December 2007 Submitted by Paul Lichterman  
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### Financial report

profit this year so far: \$18,000

Tomas did open a CD account, earns 4.5% annual interest, for \$10,000

recent earnings for FoF:

See's candy fundraiser: \$2000

fall fundraiser (direct request that went out to all parents): \$17,000

Sally Foster: \$9000

### **FUNDRAISING EVENTS:**

#### JOG-A-THON

In February 2008

Need volunteers to help run it this year. Volunteers count the laps that kids run, kids all get an envelop for donations from people who pledge to pay x amount of money per lap, or else a flat donation.

Volunteers tote up the number of laps, collect pledges from people who are donating money, etc.

#### SILENT AUCTION- needs 'new blood'

May 2008

Al made an exciting, impassioned, clever and compelling pitch for people to get involved. Al is willing to help with silent auction this year, but it's important to get parents of younger kids who will be with the school longer. We need someone to help arrange the disco; be a deejay; organize the food (donated, then set out at the auction); solicit donations from local businesses and collect them. If you have a younger child at Franklin, learn the ropes now and become an old pro!

Last year silent auction made \$26,000.

### Christmas bonuses

Every year the administrative staff, the crossing guards, janitor and other staff get bonuses at the end of the year. Technically, LAUSD employees might not be allowed to accept money from FoF, so Diane is thinking of other kinds of gifts: maybe gift cards to stores.

Motion: That we continue to give bonuses to the same staff at the same general amounts as last time.

Motion seconded.

Voted: Unanimously approved.

Duplo machine

Just for information: The final cost for the entire package—machine, supplies, etc., will come in a little under \$7000.

NEW Fundraising “think tank”

New ideas for fundraising, perhaps more environmentally conscious, socially conscious or otherwise innovative, without dropping old “tried and true” fundraising events that we want. There will be a committee that will invite ideas from any Franklin parents; it will meet after winter break.

NEW P.R. committee

Sara Picchi has agreed to chair this. The idea is to get more publicity, in the *Los Feliz Ledger* and other little newspapers or forums, to spread the word that Franklin Elementary is a great school.

Parenting seminar

Want a calmer easier happier parenting experience? There’s a woman, Noelle Janice-Norton, who does a seminar on parenting. She may do a “professional development” session with faculty. She offers workshops for parents, to talk about parenting, how to get kids to be more cooperative, etc. She’s a touring speaker.

Should FoF sponsor Ms. Janice-Norton? FoF could advertise it at other schools, maybe or maybe not charge an admission, and make it a community event (as well as perhaps a fundraiser).

A Franklin parent tells us is a great teacher and that her skills are for real, this parent says that it’s worked well for her family.

She is available in March or February. People at the meeting were interested.

Valet parking

Crystal Geiger and several other parents will be taking over the direction of valet parking in the winter while Kate Cirzon is gone.

Better computers at Franklin

Al and Diane put up money to buy RAM (computer memory) for the school’s computers, and Paul Cirzon spent many hours adjusting the computers so that they could run different operating systems. Many thanks to Paul! We honored Kate and Paul (who couldn’t be here) with a cake.

Adjourned.