

## **Baymonte PTF Meeting**

September 13, 2022

Roughly 23 parents in attendance

### **Welcome - Opening Prayer**

### **Treasurer's Report - Maggie**

Maggie reports a total balance of \$35,783.79. Total expenses of note are \$112.37 for the ice cream social, \$100 for the first day of school coffee, and \$850.57 for a key chain promo for the fundraiser. No teacher grants this period, so a "pretty simple report," Maggie notes.

### **Ice Cream Social / Welcome Back Update - Pam**

Pam reports attendees had a great time at this year's ice cream social. "It was great for the teachers and the kids to get to meet each other," Pam says of the get-together. The weather on the day of the event was blazing hot, ideal for ice cream. One attendee suggested considering two lines for those wanting a frosty treat; another noted, however, that the longs provided an opportunity for parents, teachers, and kids to talk.

The first day welcome back coffee went well, with the school offering a fantastic photo booth for the event. Pam reported that it can be challenging because the elementary and middle schools start at different times, and parents are encouraged to drop off their kids and park so they can enjoy the event. In the past, volunteers handed coffee out to parents dropping off their kids, but "that took away from the social aspect," Pam reports. Attendees suggested considering the addition of a mobile coffee cart, and asked if extra parking might help.

### **Drive for Schools Kick-Off - Katie**

Packets for the fundraising event went home with every student in manilla envelopes. The goal for this fundraiser is over \$20,000, and last year the drive raised more than \$26,000 for Baymonte. It's a great opportunity because every dollar raised goes right to the school. The fundraiser runs through October 12, and if every child sells the four books of tickets allotted to them the fundraiser will meet its goal. "This is a great fundraiser," Katie reports. The funds raised go to teacher grants - so they go right back to the classroom - and to fund activities such as the color fun run.

### **Playground Update - Pam / Leslie**

Pam reports more than \$100,000 was raised for a big new piece of equipment for the playground. The team met with five different playground companies. A contract was signed in June, but it takes about six months for the manufacturer to send a crew out to do the installation. So hopefully, the new structure will be installed in December. "It's a total blessing from God," Pam reports. Parents in attendance noted that the new structure will drive more giving. In addition, Leslie reports that the AC for the Wallace building is complete.

### **Dine Out - Katie**

The momentum for this popular program, in which local restaurants share a portion of their proceeds with Baymonte, continues. The first of these events with Round Table took place in September. Katie reports she's looking for restaurants at various price points for the calendar. Candidates include Erik's Deli, Brunos, and many others. One attendee asked if we look for restaurants just in Scotts Valley or beyond. Katie explained that generally, we try to keep this close to Scotts Valley since it's an easier drive for parents and supports the community. Still, Kianti's, in downtown Santa Cruz, has been hugely supportive of Baymonte and this fundraiser.

### **PTF Calendar 2022 / 23 - Pam / Monica**

A lot of calendaring to do, particularly for the annual fundraiser/auction. The theme will be "A Night in Paris." Other highlights include Teacher Appreciation Week April 24-28; the Color Fun run on April 28. See the calendar of events on Baymonte's website (<https://baymonte.org/parents/school-calendar/>) for all the days and dates. Volunteers welcome.

### **Auction Update - Pam**

The annual gala is a "great way to raise money for the schools," Pam reports. This year's edition of the event will return to the fabulous Elks Club. "It's a great night of fellowship. It's super fun." Highlights from last year included catering by Epicurious Lifestyle, wine and beer donated by Kianti's, and photography by alumni Katherine Whiting. The Elk's club venue featured updated furniture and a refreshed HVAC system. Look for opportunities to donate items for the auction, and volunteers are welcome. The team will be reaching out to local businesses for sponsorship opportunities.

**Principal Update - Miss Hoffman**

Miss Hoffman reports that the back-to-school events were 'amazing,' with the ice cream social a 'great start to the year.' It's great to have everyone back on campus, Miss Hoffman reports, as the school continues to return to normal, with electives returning to the scene this year. Parents and community members have pitched in to coach cross country, lead students in crochet, and even study the art of grilling. For this year's adventure week: the 7th grade will go to the ranch again, 8th graders are looking at several options, including a trip to either DC or Gettysburg; 5th graders will return to Mount Hermon; and 6th graders will return to Catalina, with the school pricing out options with several vendors.

**Closing Prayer - Miss Hoffman**