

**Orange Grove General FFO  
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)  
November 21, 2024**

**Present:** Anjala Matalone, Mark Rubin-Toles, Julie Bowden, Barbie Chang, Laura Logue, Amy Corrales, Angela Appel, Celine Cohn, Joseph Cohn, Alexis Moore, Marci Petti, Meghan Newell, Jill Tronziger, Fatima Bravo, Valerie Menke, Amy Morales Baum, Jeni Knight, Michelle Lespron, Valerie Menke; Zoom: Jennifer Yau, Dayna Anderson, Susan Wright, Briana Volpe, Sandra Gonzales, Desert Dweller.

**Anjala opened the meeting at 8:45am**

**Principal's Update** (Mark Rubin-Toles)

- Orange Grove's Got Talent will take place the Friday 11/22 at 5pm and includes "celebrity" judging by staff.
- Thanksgiving Break is Nov 27-29
- Choir Events: 8th grade at Diamondbacks game in September; 6th grade singing at La Encantada Snowfall; 7th grade at Zoo lights.
- Band and orchestra concerts in December.
- Sports: Girls soccer and boys basketball recently won against Esperero and we have received compliments on sportsmanship from the opposing teams.
- Brief update on planters special project.

**Executive Team Updates**

- **Treasurer** (Julie Bowden)
  - Book fair: sales over \$2,000 and \$870 in Scholastic dollars
  - Panther Pride is at \$15,518
  - Giving Tuesday campaign is coming up
  - Expenses: Staff Appreciation reimbursement (popcorn for holiday gift) and teacher support reimbursement.
- **Secretary** (Angela Appel)
  - The November newsletter went out via ParentSquare on Monday 11/18..
  - **Motion:** to approve the minutes from the FFO meeting on October 17,2024. Second and **Approved.**
- **VP Fundraising** (Laura Logue)
  - Congratulations to the November Family of the Month: The Finkelstein Family!
  - Donate any amount by 11/30 to enter the drawing to be the December FOTM
  - Giving Tuesday 11/26: request to donate dollar amount equivalent to your students grade at OGMS

- Reminder about the AJs/Bashas cards: they give 6% back and can be purchased pre-charged for \$10 or \$25 and can be recharged online.
- **Grants** (Barbie Chang)
  - No new grants

### **General Business**

- **Staff Appreciation** (Rachel Ruder)
  - Thanksgiving potluck tomorrow 11/22
- **Dine-outs** (Celine Cohn)
  - Fentonelli's on 11/19. They are an OGMS alumni family.
- **CFSD Foundation** (Amy Morales Baum)
  - Tapas for Teachers was held on November 7, 2024 at Contigo. \$12,000 raised through the silent auction.
  - Teacher of the Year nominations open between Nov 1-30. The TOY event will be at Skyline Country Club.
  - Half of the annual disbursement will be given to the district in December.
  - The OGMS representative needs approval but should happen soon.
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Dine Out on 11/19 at Fentonelli's.
  - Next FFO meeting will be on January 23, 2025 at 8:30am

**Meeting adjourned at 9:17am.**