

ANC6A Community Outreach Committee  
January 27, 2013 Minutes  
Maury Elementary School (ES), 1250 Constitution Ave. NE

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Committee members present: Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Jean Kohanek, Pat Joseph, Rose Williams, Louis Barbash, Maurice Cook (quorum)  
Committee members absent: Gladys Mack  
Commissioners present: Nick Alberti, David Holmes  
Community members present: Veronica Hollmon (Eliot-Hine PTO), Donny Kirsch (Maury ES PTA), Raphael Marshall

- I. Agenda  
Adopted.
- II. Report on ANC/COC activities  
Ms. Nelson reported that the website has been successfully moved from the servers at Gallaudet University to the servers at WebHSP, our new service provider
- III. Consideration of the following grant proposals was preceded by a brief review of the grant guidelines, the committee members agreed that following the presentations by the grant applicants, there would be a vote on whether or not each grant would be considered for funding prior to any motion regarding the amount of funding.
  1. Ms. Hollmon presented the grant application from Eliot-Hine Middle School (MS) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for \$1,682.50 for equipment needed to set up a 75 gallon aquarium at the school. The project would be in partnership with Living Classrooms, the Anacostia Watershed Society and the District Department of the Environment. Students are currently growing the plants and will catch the fish themselves from the Anacostia to populate the tank. This will be an extension of the ongoing science curriculum and is consistent with the goals of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme at the school. Students from other nearby schools (for example, Maury Elementary School) will be invited to experience the installation as a learning opportunity.
    - a. Mr. Barbash noted that the proposal was well thought out.
    - b. Mr. Cook noted that the aquarium would allow the school to capitalize on other programs and resources already in place. He asked how long the equipment would last. Answer: estimate is 15 years.
    - c. Ms. Williams asked if this would be integrated into the science program. Answer: lessons will be developed and presented by both the Eliot-Hine science teachers and also by Living Classrooms instructors.
  2. Mr. Kirsch presented the grant application from Maury (ES) Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for \$1100 for printing press supplies and additional art supplies for the Open Studio program. The school received a professional-grade printing press from John Smith, a local realtor. The printing supplies requested will allow the students to make full use of all the capabilities of this new equipment and explore a wide range of printing techniques. Students will be able to make multiple copies of their work to trade with classmates and sell to raise additional funds. Open Studio is not part of the regular curriculum. It is an opportunity for

students with a special interest in art to work on projects of their own conception during recess.

- a. Ms. Kohanek noted that she liked the idea of the print program because it would allow students to make limited editions of their work.
  - b. Mr. Cook asked how long requested supplies would last and how would additional funding be acquired to sustain the programs. Answer: The supplies are “consumables” and will run out eventually but should last through the end of the school year. The PTA can help and some funding is expected to come from sale of art works.
  - c. Ms. Williams said she liked the printing program because it would be very intriguing to the kids and would introduce a trade and also higher level thinking skills.
  - d. Mr. Alberti noted that the printing supplies would allow the school to make the best use of the extremely generous donation (the press itself) from John Smith.
3. The grant application from P’Tones was not considered because the grant applicant did not attend the meeting and the grant application was incomplete.
  4. Committee members voted unanimously to recommend funding for both the Maury PTA and the Eliot-Hine PTO applications.
  5. The amount available in the “winter” half of the grants budget is \$2,500. This amount would not permit funding of both applications in full (the “deficit” being \$282), although the committee members were in agreement that both applications were worthy of full funding. Committee members discussed whether it would be better to subtract all from Eliot-Hine (because they had another potentials source of funding listed and the total requested was larger), subtract the same amount from both, or pro-rate the amount to be subtracted based on the size of the original request. The consensus was that it would be best to pro-rate.
  6. Ms. Nelson moved (seconded by Ms. Williams) that:  
**The COC recommends that ANC 6A approve \$1,500 in support of the Eliot-Hine PTO request for aquarium equipment and \$1,000 in support of the Maury PTA request for printing press supplies and other art supplies - as outlined in their grant applications. The measure passed 8-0-0 (with Holmes voting in support).**
- IV. Confirmation of next meeting date.  
**The next meeting will be held Monday, February 24, 7 p.m. at Maury ES, 1250 Constitution Ave NE (enter from 200 block of 13<sup>th</sup> St.) Note that this is not the third Monday of the month due to a federal holiday.**
  - V. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.