

ANC6A Community Outreach Committee
April 15, 2013 Minutes
Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith annex, 1235 C St. NE

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Committee members present: Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Louis Barbash, Rose Williams, Maurice Cook, Gladys Mack, Pat Joseph (quorum)

Committee members absent: Jean Kohanek

Commissioners present: Sondra Phillips-Gilbert

Community members present: Heather Schoell and Lolita Ball, representatives of the Eliot-Hine MS PTSA

I. Agenda

Adopted.

II. Discussion of grant application from Eliot-Hine MS PTSA

1. Ms. Schoell and Ms. Ball presented the grant application on behalf of the Eliot-Hine MS PTSA. They explained that the International Baccalaureate Programme at the school encourages deeper thinking, enhanced logic skills. The school has also expanded its efforts to involve parents in their children's educations by hosting events such as Academic Fun Night, Literacy Night and Math Night which bring families together for expanded learning opportunities that are also fun. The grant application is for funding (\$300) to purchase educational games that can be used for indoor recess, by teachers in the classroom to support instruction, in after school activities, and during family nights (as described). Also, students will be allowed to borrow them to use at home with their families. The games will be stored and managed as part of the library - as are books. Labyrinth (a local business) has pledged to give a 35% discount on games purchased through this grant. A similar program has been instituted at Maury ES and has been wildly successful.
2. Mr. Barbash said he really liked the application and supported the grant but that he thought it would be advisable to include parent contact information in the application - so Ms. Ball's name and email address have been added.
3. In response to a question from Ms. Phillips-Gilbert, Ms. Ball explained that the family events - and the use of the games - have been and will continue to be run in collaboration between the school and the PTSA. The students are of Middle School age, typically 11-14.
4. Mr. Cook asked if there is currently a chess club at Eliot-Hine. Ms. Ball explained that there was but the teacher who ran it left recently and they are looking for a replacement. Ms. Schoell offered to provide contact information for the person who runs the chess club at Maury ES.
5. Ms. Williams said that the Game Night program at Stuart Hobson MS, also with games from Labyrinth, was very successful and reconnected parents and children. Students from Watkins ES (another member of the Capitol Hill Cluster) had been invited so there was quite a large turn-out.
6. Ms. Nelson said that the grant application met all the funding guidelines and that she supported it because it would be a good use of ANC funds. She is personally familiar with the games lending library at Maury. It is beneficial to all students, their families and the faculty/staff who make use of it. But the

greatest benefit is to the children and families of modest means who would not otherwise have access to the large variety of educational games.

7. **Motion: Ms. Williams moved that the COC recommend that ANC 6A fund the Eliot-Hine MS PTSA grant application in full - \$300 - to purchase educational games for use in support of educational activities at Eliot-Hine. Seconded by Ms. Mack. Vote 6 in favor none opposed.**

III. Confirmation of next meeting date.

The next meeting will be held May 20, 7:30 p.m. at 1235 C St. NE.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.