



## **Academic Foundation Membership Meeting 11/08/2016**

### **President's Report: Kathy Hansen**

Kathy began our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Membership & Business Partners Update: Janet Starkey**

Membership was reported as a little low. In an attempt to increase membership, a new flyer has been created by Erica Fortin.

Business Partners has raised over \$23k. Janet highlighted 2 of our partners: Mathnasium, Suncoast Credit Union., and Little Peeps. Mathnasium offers tutoring and is a short walk from Plant. Both Suncoast Credit Union and Little Peeps are parents of Plant students. Please support our Business Partners.

### **Treasure Report: Lorrie Hamlin**

Lorrie reports we have collected \$36k in total; spent \$28k in grants. The rest of the funds are set aside for administrative and scholarships.

### **Grant Requests & Principal's Update: Rob Nelson**

Request for \$5,403.85 granted.

Progress Reports come out this week electronically. They will not be printed.

Exams will be before the holidays. They will be the week of 12<sup>th</sup> on Tues through Friday. Dismissal will be 11:45 Tues, Wed, Thursday and 9:33 on Friday.

The District will begin some restructuring. Testing will be the biggest issue.

Athletics has had a huge run. Golf State Title, Swimming runner-up, Volleyball in state game Saturday, and Football in Districts.

There are many new clubs at plant this year. Clubs offer opportunity to those that may not have interests elsewhere.

Planting the Seed is Plants holiday service project. We still have 30-40 families in need of adopting. The event is December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please inquire if interested..

**From Lauren Moseley:**

Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Night at 6:30 in the Auditorium

Nov 10 – 18: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders start My Career Shines

Nov 28 – Dec 2: 10<sup>th</sup> graders finish My Career Shines

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: Jr. Night at 6:30 (date may change)

**Speaker – Eddie Ortiz (UT Financial Aid) and Lauren Moseley**

Mr. Ortiz and Mrs. Moseley went over the different financial aid options for college.

4 types of aid

1. FAFSA – everyone should submit FAFSA regardless of amount of need: [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov)
2. State
3. Institutional
4. Private

Types of Grants

1. Pell Grant: award based on EFC (expected family contribution from FAFSA)
2. Florida Grants
  - a. Florida resident access grant
  - b. Florida student Ass. Grant (need based)
  - c. Bright Futures
    - i. Florida Academic
    - ii. Florida Medallion
3. National Merit Finalist
4. Self Help
  - a. Federal work study
  - b. Florida work experience program
  - c. Student employment
5. Direct Loans: [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)
  - a. Subsidized (interest free – need based)
  - b. Unsubsidized (interest and not need based)

There are also Veterans Resources at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

Use the NPCalculator to compare cost college to college for your individual situation.

**Closing – thank you for coming. The next meeting is December 13<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center**