

## School supplies for Sponsored Children

August 3, 2024 email from Robin

Hi Board! I hope you all are well and enjoying summer.

Margaret, Pat, and I have communicated regarding school supplies for our sponsored kids. Please recall our last meeting the decision made regarding FD Fundraisers funds:

*The Board discussed the funds raised at the 2023 Fireman's Ball: how the fundraiser met the intended school children obligations, and set-aside amount for a 'rainy day' fund. Remaining amount raised by that event should be used appropriately. Deb motioned for Pat to propose at Annual Meeting how these remaining funds could be directed, and ask for input from Homeowners. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. Funds raised by the 250 Breakfast were intended for community betterment, and Pat is forming a committee to discuss options (ensuring our obligations to sponsored school children is met).*

Previously the Fire Department Fundraiser and Library Fundraiser paid about \$120/year for school supplies for our 9 sponsored kids (divided between the two funds). This is in addition to the \$125/child/year sponsorship. Rich and Debbie Quinones used to take care of this, but can't now.

Margaret volunteered to do this now (THANK YOU!) and told me school supplies are on sale in the States right now. The Board needs to discuss this now. The proposed amount is \$200/year.

Comments? Margaret, more details to add? Please respond quickly. I'll reach out to some of you by text/Messenger too. Once you comment, etc. I'll follow up with a email to vote.

### Responses from all Board Members:

Pat: I'm all for that! Margaret will be good at that too.

Carol: Sounds good!

Deb: Great, but possibly consider a bit more than \$200...costs of school supplies have risen too! Thank you, Margaret

Margaret: Great summary Robin! Thanks for getting this going. Happy to spend more! Deb is right, everything is more expensive than it used to be! Happy to responsible spend as much as you all feel comfortable with.

Tanya: Sounds good to me.

Bo: Great, I like the idea.

Larry: Sounds good to me too.

Scott: 200 for supplies is good. Divide by 9 and times that by 4 for library and 5 for firehouse

## August 4, 2024 Robin notified Margaret of approval

Margaret: Perfect! I met with Sheryl today. She has an idea that I am going to check into tomorrow. They had some backpacks and supplies donated and they are struggling to give them away. It is possible we can “purchase” them for our students and they can use the money for the general fund. I will check the packs tomorrow and to see if they are appropriate for our students. I will give you an update when I have it. Thanks for all your efforts!

## August 8, 2024 Robin asked for additional \$

Hi Board, Deb and Margaret ask for a budget of \$300 for school supplies this year (not \$200 as I initially requested.) That's \$33/kid (\$167 from FD fundraisers, and \$133 from Library). Margaret will report on what is purchased.

Please respond with Yes or No vote.

I vote Yes. This is an important issue which could not wait for us to assemble.

August 8/9 2024 Everyone approved, with Scott saying he approves if we have the funds. Robin notified Margaret of approval and asked Deb if the Library Fund can handle the additional amount. When Deb returns from vacation she will tell me.

*End of virtual/email meeting regarding school supplies. Submitted by Robin Holmes August 21, 2024*