



PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday January 10th, 2017 - 7:00pm
Patriot Elementary – Media Center

- Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Jacqie Hegarty, President
- Minutes** Jennifer McDowell, Secretary supplied minutes for the November 3rd, 2016 General Meeting.
- Motion to approve was made by Charisse Stenger and seconded by Clinton Russell
 - No discussion. Minutes approved unanimously as presented.
- President's Report:** Jacqie Hegarty
- Thank you for coming out on such a slick day! We have snacks, cookies provided by the hospitality committee.
 - May 11th change for the May meeting. This gives us a little more time after Boosterthon.
 - Make sure you have your card marked for being here for 5 meetings.
- Vice President's Report:** Heather Hochstetler
- March meeting she might not be here - baby due right around that time
- Treasurer's Report:** Tallie Colvin
- Spreadsheet on the table. Little issue - formula snafu, no money missing, but budgeted expenses were different than what we thought we had. Would be a "run on the bank" if everyone spent what they were budgeted. We will be waiting until Boosterthon to purchase the radio.
- Secretary's Report** Jennifer McDowell
- Tuesday Newsletter is working out better
 - If you would like something in the newsletter, please get it to me by Sunday night or first thing Monday morning.
- Member-at-Large Report** Nicholle Reisdorff
- Email Nicholle to put announcements on the website.
- Principal Reports** Dr. Troy Juracek
- Tina Raymond started as literacy coach this semester. She is doing an amazing job.
 - On staff development days, the teachers work on the new Journeys curriculum. Many grade levels pilot the programs, so we are ahead. Very positive.
 - Other days we go to district training - art and science of teaching - what strategies work best for the kids - how are you very explicit and clear of expectations for kids. Great for new and experienced teachers. Fits in with math, BEST, etc.
 - Committee for treats - will talk more later. Pretty big shift - parent and staff voice - last time it was a little bit where they were short 4 classrooms, so we need to have some extras. Next party, Capri suns,

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plus Lofthouse cookie (sugar cookie with frosting). How can we enhance it next year? Vary type of food, but that would be difficult. Reach out to those that are always affected. Better funding by bulk purchases. Focus on games and activities. Valentine's Day will still have candy, but eat it at home. There are some great websites that suggest snacks that do not have the highly allergic ingredients. Plan for this year is one party at a time, next year will be all the parties considered

- 10 degrees for walking club to be inside
- In a year or so, it will be normal for the snacks, and won't be the issue. Need to have a motion for approving the Lofthouse cookies.
- Paul Huss - made a motion up to \$350 to cover the cost of cookies
Seconded by Melinda Ahrens - Motion was approved unanimously as presented.

Unfinished Business

- Poinsettias - went very well. Partnered with Canoyer. Used it as a service rather than profit - \$20 Best Buy, \$10 Marcus Theater (3), \$10 shadow lake (2), \$30 la vista nails, \$10 Red Robin, \$13.50 - two small poinsettias for the office
- Radio Purchase - We will purchase it when we have Boosterthon money. Tabled until March so we know how much the library will be so we know what we have for the radio
- Boosterthon Chairman - Ryan Hochstetler is now the chair.

New Business

- 2017 - 2018 - PTO Board Positions - Tallie and Nicholle will be running for Treasurer and Member-at-Large respectively. Jacqie really wants to run one more year for President as this will be her last year at Patriot (Camden will be a 6th grader).
- Makerspace - Stem technology. Will be postponed until next meeting
- Microwave and Water Cooler - Staff would like filtered water rather than the water from the tap. Microwaves and Water Coolers are separate issue. 3 bids. Very competitive. Clean Water - \$196.70 to set up and through June. In March or April - survey staff to see how they like it - looking at wellness budget to cover this cost. Question about Water Bottle fillers, \$3000 per water fountain. Should we take wellness money and get teachers filtered water?

Motion by Katie Boyle to use wellness money to purchase water filter
Seconded by Elizabeth Williams Motion passed by majority
One abstained (Melinda Ahrens) and one nay (Paul Huss)

- Microwaves - replacing the two microwaves with commercial grade microwaves. Looking at second option - \$268.04 - more powerful and more efficient. \$536.08 total - Is there discussion? Would it be something the school or building could cover? Could be, but approached as a divide and conquer. PTO helps with teacher appreciation. Melinda - don't want to spend money we don't have. Use

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leftover money from wellness and leftover money from giving tree to purchase one.

Christy Huss motioned to buy one microwave based on giving tree and wellness. Melinda Ahrens and Stacie Gaul seconded Motion was approved unanimously as presented.

- Boy Scouts - Craig Mielke committee chair pack 206 - Patriot and Walnut Creek charter the pack - Boy Scouts meet in the library each Monday - 60 boys in the pack. Planted tulips, cleanup with landscaping, adopt Shram road 84th to 96th street. Banquet in February, Pinewood Derby, service project, interested, start in Kindergarten. Presented the PTO with a charter certificate.

Committee Reports

Redemption *Melinda Ahrens*

Check for box tops - \$1528.70, Hy-Vee is DONE. Hy-Vee is \$300. Shadowlake is due the 2nd of each month for the previous month. 3rd place by a lot. Golden Hills is in first place Keep every receipt for Shadowlake and return them. February is spring box top contest. Culver's will provide free ice cream party to first place, and coupons for 2nd and 3rd.

Boosterthon *Ryan Hochstetler*

Ryan, Heather and Nicholle have met to discuss Boosterthon - 3 solid sponsors, Walnut Creek Vet, Dentistry, and Life Inspired. Ollie and Hobbes, Montessori are also considering being sponsors. Full committee meeting end of January. Should have a dollar amount for us to reach at the next meeting.

Cooks Night Out *Clinton Russell*

Pizza Hut - have not yet received a check. Next CNO is Texas Roadhouse on January 19th. Red Robin - \$47 Five Guys, and Ollie and Hobbes for February
Runza and PotBelly for March
April to May take a break for Boosterthon, and then maybe one after

Yearbook *Kim Erickson / Rachel McCann*

Available now - \$20 for January, \$25 after. No extras will be ordered, so make sure you get it ordered before the deadline.

Giving Tree *Lindsay Evans*

Helped 3 families and 3 military families in the area. 28 individuals - 1/2 needs plus 1/2 wants plus some gift cards, necessities, Christmas meal plus an extra meal. 563.76 out of 800 budget because of the generosity of Patriot families. Helped residents of Monarch Villa. Credit to Monica Herd and Kate Allen. Committee was amazing. Thanks to all of those involved.

Hospitality *Tara Arch*

Thank you to Nicholle Reisdorff and Elizabeth Williams for helping the committee. New folders that go out to new families, need a new letter from Ami and Troy. Maybe next year, businesses could have cards to help out those new to the area.

Landscaping *Andy Ervin*

No update, but would love to touch base with Boy Scouts on weeding/planting in the Spring

Fall Fundraiser *Julie Genard*

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No report

Staff Appreciation

Tina Peterson

Meeting this month, bring up the microwave purchase as a possibility for staff appreciation week

Spirit Wear

Melissa Grzywa / Lynn Brehm

No report

Monthly Snacks

Jen Doorlag

Next snack day - January 25th - always looking for anyone wanting to pitch in

Parent Teacher Conferences

Margaret Petersen, Danielle Inserra, Melissa Nelson

Will be meeting soon for March conferences

Popcorn Day

Monica Herd / Amber Van Dyke

January 11th (tomorrow) is the next popcorn day. Always welcome to help out.

Family Fun Night

Clay Seaman/Chad Kaseman

No report

Pride Parents

Elizabeth Williams

Always looking for extra help. Just show up on Monday mornings for an hour, or the whole time.

Announcements

Cooks Night Out at Texas Roadhouse January 19th, 2017

Drawings - Christy Huss, Amy Parrish, Elizabeth Williams, Stacie Gall

Motion to go home by Paul Huss and seconded - Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm

Next Meeting Thursday, March 2nd - 7:00pm | Patriot Elementary - Media Center

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