

PTO Meeting Minutes September 21st, 2017

Meeting Started 6:30 p.m.

Welcome - Introduction of New Board - Catherine

President – Eve Paquet

Vice President - Catherine Anderson

Treasure - Debbie Freund

Recording Secretary – Kari Ann Harry

Corresponding Secretary - Shannon Cooley

Contact Options: genewittpto@gmail.com, www.genewittpto.com, or Gene Witt PTO Facebook

Old Business - Catherine

- Summer - Memory Bricks arrived and were installed – Marcie Hackman, Chair
- School Kidz Kits arrived and distributed – Eve Paquet, 2016-2017 Chair
- PTO Board Members provided: Welcome Back Breakfast for Staff, Back to School Night booth, Kindergarten playdate, BooHoo Yahoo Breakfast and Spirit gear
- Color Days/Student Spirit Week – Megan Matras, Chair
- Ft. Hamer Bridge Run 5k/10k Gene Witt Team – Eve Paquet, Team Captain
- Marauders baseball game (cancelled due to weather) – Shannon Cooley, Chair
- New PTO website – Eve Paquet, Chair

Budget - Debbie (handed out Budget Sheet)

- Mr. Marshall spoke about his need to feed the teachers four times per year. He had previously used the teacher's Coke Rewards and Target Redcard, but both have stopped their programs. Debbie will look into the Amazon Smile, and possibly get with Lisa B. in the front office if feasible, but he may need to write a grant for the rest. We will research the Amazon program and other possible reward programs that may help.
- Go over this year's budget
 - Bank Balance = \$46,752.84
 - Revenues:
 - Increase Otis budget by \$2,000; added Bingo Night and Business Sponsors (formerly a business directory); Cancelled Marauders Baseball game (under Family Fun Events) is negative because we paid for the tickets in case people want their money back – checks returned to those who requested it
 - Removed the Boosterthon/Walk-a-thon from the budget for 2017 – 2018; This may reduce the amount in approved grants this year because the money comes from what we make in excess of budgeted revenues
 - Expenses
 - Originally decreased the Contingency/Hardship fund but ended up leaving it due to the hurricane
 - Added \$300 for Media Field Trip
 - Have one less Specials (Guidance) this year so that \$500 back; but giving Mrs. Symonds and Ms. Burkhard \$200 for their needs
 - Speech is full time now so they get \$300
 - Clarified AR Budget line item – \$400 for the parties

- Box Top money – won Box Top sweepstake, but the check doesn't come until December, and we don't know what stipulations may come with it so no decisions have been made on how to spend the money
- Mr. Marshall needs to feed teachers four times per year – used to be Coke Rewards and Target Red Card but both have been discontinued. Does he submit a grant?
- Opt-out letters went home = ~\$5,680 received so far
- Main fundraisers – Otis (09/07 – 09/28), Carnival (3/10/18) – need volunteers

Mini Grants – Debbie

- None

New Business

- Sign up to be on a Committee – will be listed on the website
- Adult Night – Marcie Hackman, Chair
 - o Rescheduled for September 30th due to hurricane; Catherine went over the flyer; it will be laid back and casual; more of a meet-n-greet with 50/50 raffle and auction items
- Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser – Marcie Hackman and Brooke Temple, Co-Chairs = it's going well so far
 - o Launched Sept 7th - ends September 28th (postponed a week due to hurricane)
 - o Fed car rider line and walkers
 - o Theme is "Stackers"
 - o Collecting coupons in cafeteria
 - o Prize Party on Nov 2nd with BMX Show
 - o We will announce the ship date once we know
- Community-Business Partners – Marcie Hackman, Chair
 - o Current Sponsors = ~ \$3,500
- Spirit Gear Reorders – Kari Ann Harry, Chair
 - o Order date postponed a week due to hurricane
 - o Reordered September 21st
- School Beautification Day – Kari Ann Harry, Chair – Saturday, September 30th
 - o We want white rock in front of Building 5 (like it is in front of Building 4) to help with drainage issues plus pressure treated wood to keep the rocks in place and mulch for the other areas
 - o Mrs. Bench spoke as she is in contact with Matt at Home Depot = said "no problem" just wasn't sure how much he could donate. Mrs. Bench sent him photos so he will understand our needs and let us know what they can donate; then we can purchase what it needed
 - o Mr. Marshall emailed Josh Spaulding (FBI) and is waiting to hear back
- Home Room Coordinator – Shannon Cooley, Chair
 - o Forms are on PTO Website this year
- Runners Club - starting Monday, Oct 2nd – Eve Paquet and Seng Tang, Co-Chairs
- Spirit Nights – Jessica Patterson, Chair – Catherine spoke
 - o Culvers recap = \$312.01
 - o Chick-fil-A on October 12th
- Box Tops – Stephanie Frick, Chair
 - o Mrs. Dauphas' 4th Grade class won Summer/August
- Helping Hands – Chrissy Anderson, Chair
 - o 2nd Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am in cafeteria
 - o September was cancelled due to hurricane
 - o Grandparents are welcome too

- Monster Bash – Kari Ann Harry, Chair – Eve spoke
 - o Friday, October 27th
 - o Verified that we can start the trick-or-treat portion at 6:00 p.m.

Notes and Upcoming Dates:

Sept 28th - Otis ends
Sept 30th – Beautification Day
Sept 30th – Adult Night
Oct 2nd - Runners Club Starts

Questions from Parents:

- AR – are all grades participating and who is paying for it? = Witt pays for it; \$6.50/student grades 2nd - 5th; 1st grade will start at the end of the semester; Kindergarten will get as needed
- Car Rider Issues – how can we get a guard or officer to control traffic? = No guard because we don't qualify; school is responsible for school property--which is where the teachers stand out by the road; the district will not provide an officer or crossing guard because it is not street corners off of school property
- Special Schedule is different – why? = Because of House Bill 7069; mandates 250 minutes of recess and PE per week

Meeting Ended at 7:21 p.m.