**2022-2023 PTO Board**

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**Call to order at 6:58 p.m.**

**Old Business (Carla)**

* **Book Fair**
	+ This was one of the best ones that Ms. Inners has had since she’s been here. We don’t have any numbers on that.
* **Trunk or Treat Recap**
	+ The event really well. We had 18 trunks, corn maze. It was a lot of fun, thank you to all who contributed. Bullett Towing brought 5,000 pieces of their own candy, plus PTO brought 20,000 pieces. We had only a small bucket left.

**New Business (Carla)**

**Upcoming Family Fun Events**

* **Mornings with Mom/Mom-like figures**
	+ Dates – 11/16 (last names A-L) and 11/17 (last names M-Z) – We usually split it up by last name so we don’t have too many people on one day. You don’t need to stick to that, but you do need to rsvp.
	+ Time – 7:15am – 8:20am in the Gene Witt cafeteria
	+ Flyers will go out on Monday. And then you can RSVP. I’ll also put it on Facebook.
	+ **Connie Dixon:** All the teachers will receive a class list printout in their mailbox for the event, when you RSVP as visitors, the teachers will highlight that child’s name, put down the name of the person attending and then they’ll turn those into the office on 11/10. Office will generate name tags based on the class list.
	+ **Parent:** Is it just one parent per child?
	+ **Carla:** Yes, trying to keep it to one person per child/sibling/family because we have so many kids. We’re planning for 1,000 people coming through.
	+ **Parent:** Is there a way we can find out who doesn’t have a mom or grandma coming?
	+ **Jennifer Alcantara:** Most kids don’t realize that it’s happening. At least for kindergartners.
	+ **Carla:** All moms/mom-like figures must RSVP by 11/10. Badges will be pre-printed and handed out the morning of. Please pick up your visitors badge at the table outside of the front office the morning of the event.
	+ Please let us know if there are any cases of kids feeling left out/sad and we can adjust for Donuts with Dad or next year.
* **Santa’s Workshop Opening Night (Carla)**
	+ Friday, December 2, 5-8pm in the PTO portable
	+ Make a night of it! Bring the family and get some early Christmas shopping done while supporting Gene Witt. Food trucks will be onsite to purchase dinner and dessert. Don’t forget to stop by and give Santa your Christmas List! Also, we will have Santa here.

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* **Spirit Night – first one!**
	+ BubbaQue’s BBQ Bradenton Drive-Thru Dinner
	+ Wednesday, December 14th, pick up time: 4-6pm
	+ Pick up in Car Rider line like we did last year. You have to pre-order and pay. He MAY just cook it here, in his food truck. Flyers will go out and we’ll start advertising.
	+ **Cara:** Chick Filet is doing spirit nights again.
	+ **Carla:** In the past, spirit nights on 70 don’t do very well. Freddies, PDQ last year, very little. One night with Bubba’s here and it blows the others out of the water. I know Carrabbas is doing [at-school spirit nights] again.

**Budget Update (Shannon)**

* **Otis**
	+ Currently showing negative for Otis, still finalizing -87 dollars, someone didn’t realize they had to send money in with the order and it wasn’t paid for so I wrote a check from the PTO to cover it and they wrote a check back. So it is in circulation. Profits are looking to be just over $29K.
	+ Working to finalize plans with admin and vendors for Opt-In and Otis prize parties.
* **Monster Mash**
	+ Negative balance due to not charging anything for the event.
	+ **Carla:** We forgot to move that one to expenses when we did the budget. The parents do so much if we come up negative for this one event, it is worth it.
	+ **Connie Dixon:** Parents at other schools are saying how amazing how was that our PTO did not charge for our Halloween event.
	+ **Carla:** Thanks to Spotlight Amusements for donating the corn maze and photo props for Monster Mash.
* **Spirit Gear (Shannon)**
* We just got a check for orders from November of last year to September of this year - $345.15 so that brought us out of the negative in spirit gear.
* **Business Sponsors**
	+ I have to pay an invoice for them. Still looking good. Still have to pay for a couple more banners, waiting on some logos from some people as those roll in will order more.

**By-Laws (Carla)**

* Looking to update and amend our bylaws. [Handed out copies with changes marked.] If you do not receive one, email me and we will email you a copy. Email us with any concerns and we will vote on whether to approve next month.

**Mini Grants (Shannon)**

* Ms. Wykes submitted a mini grant for a radio/CD player for music motor development skills at music time. It is only for $32 dollars but she has not spent her reimbursement money so I asked if she would mind using her reimbursement money for that instead. Just trying to allocate her funds for it first before we use mini grant money for it.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember (Carla)**

Sunday, November 6th Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall back 1 hour)

Friday, November 11th No School – Veteran’s Day

Wednesday, November 16th Mornings with Mom (A-L)

Thursday, November 17th Mornings with Mom (M-Z)

Friday, November 18th Square 1 Art Orders Due

November 21st – 25th No School – Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, December 1st SAC/PTO Meeting (6pm)

Friday, December 2nd Santa’s Workshop Opening Night

December 5th -8th Santa’s Workshop

Wednesday, December 14th BubbaQue’s BBQ Drive-Thru Spirit Night

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**