

Pto meeting 3 October 2017

Present: President Amanda McClafferty, VP Anne Blankestyn, Co-secretaries Megan McGonigle and Sara Watson, Treasurer Cassie Lewis

Old Business

- a) Rita's fundraiser
We brought in \$750 of business. They were really excited and they gave us \$250 instead of \$180 which was the 20%. They offered to make this a recurring event, and we will plan on another event in the spring.
- b) Tshirt sales
Pickup of shirts is tomorrow. One of our biggest sales, and this has turned into a nice fundraiser for us. Tshirts to order will be available at homecoming. Out of town folks add \$3 for shipping.
- c) Sensory wall
Mme Dean asked for this last year when we moved in. Some Kenwood families have started work on this. It should be completed in a week or two.
- d) About 3 weeks ago PTO paid for pizza for the students because the power went out and we did not have enough cold food to serve for lunch.

Treasurer's Report

Proposed budget is much the same as past years. Staff reimbursements went up an extra \$500 because of staff growth. Fundraising expenses increased to 11K up from 9K, because we hit 11 last year. New building fund is the remainder of what we budgeted for this past year. We raised \$23K last year. Walkathon money is spent in the current school year. Other money raised during the year goes towards the following school year. We may want to consider another kind of event to sell water just in case Comfest doesn't work out for whatever reasons. Partnerships with community members can help cut down on fundraising expenses. Things like chips from Chipotle for family movie night. Family movie night is a community event not necessarily a fundraising event. We made money on it from selling concessions. So it was the best of both—free event with donations accepted, but also helped out the PTO.

Approve the budget

Move and second the budget. All in favor, none opposed.

New Business

- a) Homecoming
This Saturday, 3:30-6. Two food trucks coming, Pitabilities and Juniors Tacos. Info for the brick campaign: They charge us \$19, Amanda thinks we should charge \$50 so we make money. Maybe a class could go in together or several families. Everything will be online and orders will be ready to be taken at Homecoming. Old bricks and New bricks will put in a patio eventually. We will have cake and need some parent and older student volunteers to help give tours and answer questions about the building, so folks who know the building a little bit. We just want this to be an event for former and current families. This building is the culmination from a lot of their work, so we like to give them a chance to enjoy it. Former principals and former teachers

will be here. We will need volunteers, a sign up genius will be sent out. A parent brought up having name tags so we can identify each other and see what years people were here and what teachers they had, etc.

- b) Room parents will come back, and go through the office of parent consultant. Look for more information about this very soon from Mme Corbin.
- c) Dogtoberfest October 13th. Flyers will go out for this, volunteers will be needed for serving, please bring a dessert. \$5 a person/\$20 max for a family. M Swartz is putting together musical entertainment and Mme Miller will be face painting.
- d) Teacher requests: Mme Corbin thanks us for voting for Local Matters. They have already been at open house and have started some programming this week. M Joy was very excited to receive his phys ed equipment.

M Hack would like an ipad pro with a pen. Morning announcements will be broadcasted. \$300
Mme Ottobre would like set of books of how to prepare for middle school. It will be \$225 total.
Mme Duggan would like an ipad mini for classroom use.

Mme Miller would like two Ikea bookshelves for the science lab. \$129 each.

M Swartz needs instruments for 4th graders. He tried to borrow some from other schools. He would like a violin for \$50. If you know of any instruments that someone would like to donate, please let PTO know. PTO already spent \$50 on another violin, so \$100 total.

Mme Writsel-Lopez has a spreadsheet of the costs involved with the vocal music program— music licenses, cds, costumes, and it came to about \$1200. This includes First and second grade musical, Suessical, microphone for recording, and the above and this money from PTO would eliminate the donation box at events.

The school laminator breaks often. Teachers were wondering if PTO could purchase an auxillary laminator. A PTO provided device is limited to who we'd want to use it. A decent one is about \$1700, but we need to price these out.

Kelli Edinger with Urban Digs has agreed to update planters seasonally and she will charge us for materials only.

Around \$2300 total with provisional laminator. Approved.

Next school dinner night will be at Chipotle November 6th on Bethel Rd. We get 50% of the profit.

Next meeting November 14th.