

PTO Minutes
Thursday, Nov 2, 2017
6:30pm, ERS Library

President: Meeting was brought to order at 6:33pm. Teresa was unable to attend, so Ashley and Christine moderated. October minutes were approved with a change in date of the meeting.

REMINDER: Schnucks chose ERS PTO as the November Giving bag recipient; for each **RED** bag sold during Nov at the WG Schnucks, ERS PTO receives \$1.

Guest Speaker: Susan Bergman, District Math Coordinator

- Three main points: Talk math with your kids; act like you like math (even if you don't); focus more on the process and less on the right answer.
- Susan emphasized that it is important to ask math questions, not necessarily know the answer. e.g. If there is a bin of apples at the supermarket, ask "How many apples do you think are in the bin?"
- It is important to teach kids what information they need to know to solve the problem.
- Susa shared some videos that explain how math skills build K-5th grade, as well as some cards games to play with the kids that involve addition/multiplication, etc. and comparing cards.
- Bedtimemath.org is a website/app/book that you can do at bedtime; it is a story that has three math questions at the end and is good to do before going to sleep.

Vice Presidents: Committee Reports

- **Dinner & a Movie (Nov 3)** – Cars will be shown, and you can bring your own dinner. The Scholastic Bookfair will be open.
- **Scholastic Book Fai** – Nov 3 is preview day, there are still volunteer slots available, so contact Suzie if interested. It will be open Friday night, next week during school hours, and during conferences. The online bookfair is open until Nov 12, and purchases are delivered to school for free.
- **Giving Tree** – The Tree will be set up in the front of school and a notice will go home about items needed (e.g. toilet paper, paper towels).
- **Teacher Conference Dinners** – Dinner will be ordered (pasta, night 1; pizza, night 2), with sides/salads provided by parents. There is a need for a cooler of ice for both nights and a salad/side dish for the second night.
- **Penny Drives (Elaine Wiley, Chair)** – Penny drive will be 11/13-11/17. Each class will have a Piggy Bank to fill.
- **Trivia Night & Auction (Mel Johnson, Teresa Herrell, co-Chairs)** – First meeting was last week; there is a need for people who are willing to call businesses and ask for donations. The theme will be 80s night. The event will be held at St. Elizabeth's of Hungary (Sappington Rd.) on 3/3. As the holidays roll around, please hang on to any gifts (and gift cards) that you don't want, as they make great donations for baskets.
- **Enrichment (Elena T.)** – A number of businesses are teaching classes, but there is a need for more parent/teacher taught classes. Dr. Wuch surveyed the kids to see their interests; request for arts & crafts, cooking, drawing, sign language.
- **Playground, Landscaping and Maintenance (Jessica Griffin, chair)** – The soccer team mulched, and any mulch not used was picked up by the donor.
- **Room Parent Coordinator (Jessica Griffin, chair)** – Planning is underway for Winter Celebrations.

- **Trunk or Treat (Teresa Herrell, Chair; 10/20, 6:30pm)** – Several suggestions were made to start the evening earlier (5 or 5:30), possibly on a Saturday because it is so dark that it is difficult to see the costumes and keep track of children. Dr. Wuch would like to try holding the even on the South Playground. It was suggested that we collaborate with Cornerstone and use their parking lot to ease the congestion.
- **Foundation Liaison** – Thank you for support of the Ivory Crocket run (>500 runners, >70 volunteers). Fall mini grants were awarded: Betsy Moppert was awarded a grant to facilitate a cohort on STEM education for 25-30 teachers; kindergarten teachers were awarded a physics grant. The Foundation is forming an endowment committee and is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in helping should email the Foundation.
- **Coffee Committee** – No coffee in November; weather-permitting, there will be one Dec 1.
- **Cardinal Calendars** – Flyers/order forms went home and are due on Nov 9.
- **Talent Show (1/26)** – Mandatory rehearsal on 1/25; more info to come after break.

Treasurer

- Balance \$14,187.49
- Donations received to date: \$1,155 (includes August and September)
- \$25,494.86 spent this FY – fixed grants, PTO library prj
- \$1712 in general donations from parents; almost \$850 from e-scrip card
- It is a great time of year to make a tax deductible donation!

New Business:

- **Appreciation Chair** – Custodians were recognized this week. A possible Chair has been identified. The Chair position was voted on (per bylaws) and approved.

School Report: Dr. Wuch

- We had a successful Halloween parade.
- The port-a-potty wall is complete.
- The new mobile shelving is in the library, and Brenda Wright is working on re-shelving the books.
- EyeSee Me bookstore raised \$750, all of which was donated to Farragut Elementary in STL City School District. ERS was called the “Book Angels.”
- The first veteran’s day celebration is at 2pm next Tuesday.
- Dr. Wuch is sending out a survey about her role as the building leader and the school as whole for parents next week after conferences; Ms. Moppert’s survey will go out after Thanksgiving.
- Tardies are out of control; there are 400 students in the school, and there were 191 tardy children in the month of October. They’re putting in lunch orders late, which affects lunch orders; 4th and 5th graders go to specials late.
- Kindergarten grade teachers were in attendance: Samantha Gegg, Kelly Wilkes, TJ Wilmering, Mrs. Cocos. The kindergarten teachers were award a WGSD Foundation Grant for hands-on morning work options that rotate among classrooms.

Meeting concluded at 7:45pm

Next Meeting: January 11, 6:30pm