

PTO Meeting Minutes February 15, 2022

Amber welcomed everyone and then welcomed a visitor, **Phillip Garret**, with **Apex Leadership Fundraising** out of Chattanooga. He went over how his organization works and left a few items for us to look over. This is something Amber suggested we could try to pair with next school year's Pepcat Prowl since they work on motivating the children through pep rallies! Their motto is, "AS ONE".

I. **Treasurer's Report:** Allison Neal

- A. We have nearly met our goal for community donations for the year! We are so proud of that.

II. **Old Business**

- A. **Outdoor Classroom** - This is a space set aside near the lower elementary playground. There are plans to have outdoor tables and chairs, an overhead covering and electricity so teachers can utilize it as a classroom. This project has been in the works for around 3 years. It has not been brought to fruition due to COVID restrictions and now the cost of materials.

1. We have a new estimate with rising materials cost at 9K.
2. We are still finalizing details and will discuss more at the March PTO meeting.
3. There was talk that we possibly could move the Outdoor Classroom funds to purchase playground equipment if we are unable to finalize the outdoor classroom this year.

B. **Yearbook**

1. Lori Hensely and Allison Rosenberg are still gathering pics. Those can be emailed to: fountaincityPTO@gmail.com

C. **Monthly Teacher Pick-Me-Up**

1. February - Cassie Owen made Cookie Bouquets for teachers. The teachers loved them!!

D. **Dine Out For Dollars:**

1. November - Salsarita's we earned \$150
2. December - Panda Express we earned \$50
3. January - Sweet P's we earned \$340
4. February - nothing lined up.

E. **Math Fluency Night:**

1. Thursday, February 24th Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th 5:30-6:30pm
2. Thursday, March 3rd 1st, 3rd and 5th grade 5:30-6:30pm.
3. PTO will have a table to sell merchandise.

- F. **Read-A-Thon** - *February 25th-March 4th* in honor of Dr. Seuss b-day
March 2nd.
1. There will be an email to go out to the teachers soon talking about this.
 2. There will be incentives like Pickles & Popcorn for the kids.
- G. **Book Fair** - *March 28th-April 1st.*
- H. **Pepcat Prowl** - *April 1st* during the day
1. Lori Hensley is over this. She is looking for prizes for the kids.
 2. She heard that it will cost \$100 to get Smokey the UT mascot here.
- I. **Spring Carnival** - *April 1st* in the evening
1. Charlie Pratt with Modern Woodman has graciously donated \$1K for the carnival.
 2. We have 4 sponsors for Bounce Houses and Hydration Stations. We need 2-3 more sponsors. So far we have:
 - a) Knox Drives - Bounce House
 - b) Kim Day Training - Bounce House
 - c) Amanda May Photos - Water Station
 - d) Pound Fitness - Bounce House
 3. We are needing more raffle items. So far we have:
 - a) Amanda May Photos
 4. There was a Teacher Planning meeting on January 25th and there will be another on February 28th.
 5. PTO will schedule another Virtual Planning meeting after the teacher's meeting.
- J. **Spring Grounds Day** - *Saturday, April 23* from 9am-12pm.
1. Our Signs for Adopt-A-Bed are now out around the campus.
 2. There are more beds available and a sign up sheet to adopt will be available on Saturday.
- K. **End of the Year Teacher Appreciation Lunch** - *Monday, May 2nd*
1. Charlie Pratt with Modern Woodman has graciously offered to donate the funds for our teachers and staff lunch. We will have Brown Bag catered this day for them.
- L. **Kindergarten Tea**: *Friday, May 6th*
1. PTO helps fund this.
- M. **Teacher Appreciation Week** - *May 2nd-May 6th.*
1. We encourage parents and students to reach out to their teachers to let them know how much they mean to us!
- N. **5th Grade Awards Ceremony** - *Monday, May 23rd* in the evening
1. PTO purchase the medals for the students
 2. PTO will have a table set up to sell merchandise

O. **5th Grade Signs**

1. We will purchase around 10 more signs to add to the signs we already have.
2. *Tuesday, May 24th* 5th Grade Teachers will put signs in 5th grader's yards.
3. *Saturday, June 11th* PTO Volunteers will pick signs back up from yards.

III. **New Business**

A. **Spring Carnival**

1. **Carnival Teacher Planning Meeting** - *Monday, Feb 28* at 3:15pm.
2. **Virtual Carnival Planning Committee/Volunteers Meeting** - to be announced soon.
3. We are still looking for more Sponsors, Raffle Items donated, and Volunteers

B. **Monthly Teacher Pick Me up** - Kim Day (Volunteer coordinator) has reached out to a few PTO members to see if they can help.

C. **Yearbook** - Online sales to purchase YB are open and will remain open until March 15th. The Lifetouch Online link to purchase is:

ybpay.lifetouch.com Use code: **10026122**

1. We have sold around 60-70.
2. We have contracted 150.

D. **Dine Out For Dollars** - Looking for ideas for March and April. Cassie is going to reach out to a few local restaurants (Papa Murphy's, Papa John's, Louis, Panera and Cultivate were mentioned that may help us).

E. **Canvas Bags** - Mrs Cook requested we get 80-100 bags for Kindergarteners to carry their chrome books to their related arts classes because they have dropped them in the past.

1. Lori said we have some Pepcat Prowl bags in our closet that could be used for this and she would find out how many we have and then see if we still need to order more this week.

F. **iReady Funding** - We had funding the first half of the year but it has run out. Mrs. Langston said the district will be paying for it again. This is getting worked on now.

G. **House Fire** - 4th grade TA, Lise Mead, lost everything in her kitchen to a house fire a few weeks back. Amber has offered to collect funds from individuals of PTO members and other friends and get to Mrs. Meade this week. The funds collected will not go through our PTO funds.

H. **5th Grade Field Trip to Biz Town** - *Monday, March 7th* in Clinton, TN. Modern Woodman has made another nice donation to pay for the buses to get our kids there that day.

IV. ***Principal Remarks*** - Just thankful for all we have done for them and all we continue to do.

[Next Meeting](#): 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 8th

[Upcoming Meetings](#): April 12th and May 10th (voting on officers)