

PTO Minutes

Sept 11, 2017

- Introductions around the table.
 - Total of 18 people attended. Of those 4 were PTO staff members, 10 were parents and 4 teachers/Dry Creek Elementary Staff.
 - Newcomers heard about meeting from end of year newsletter sent home in Wed folder and the reader board sign
- Bookfair
 - 30% of dollars made return to the PTO – typically invested back into the school
 - Agreed to skip afternoon shift on Tuesday due to Back to School night. Volunteers on registers: Marrison, Amanda, Sarah Watson, Sarah Waterkotte
 - Marrison will call and ask about getting a 2nd register
 - Call for Volunteers am shift and afternoon shift. (Please note names of volunteers were added after the meeting upon confirmation of who was available to work which shifts)
 - Marrison will set up in the am Monday morning with the help of Sarah Watson. Monday afternoon shift – Sarah Waterkotte, Brenda Kennedy
 - Tuesday am – Marrison and Sarah Watson
 - Wed am. – Marrison and Sarah Watson. Wed afternoon- Amanda, Sarah Watson, Brenda Kennedy
 - Thursday am - Marrison and Sarah Watson. Thursday afternoon- Amanda, Brenda Kennedy
- Scholastic Dollars
 - Made from Bookfair
- Yankee Candle
 - Packets go home with students Oct 18th. They have 2 weeks to “sell” and turn in paperwork.
 - Any Orders made online will ship directly to the person. Orders with students must be delivered by students.
 - Suggestion: Flyer included in Wed folder in advance of event.
- Octoberfest
 - now changed to Monster Mash dance party by vote of attending body. To be held Oct 20th, 6 pm – 8 pm.
 - entrance fee by donation or ticket system
 - Suggestions: individual kid & family pricing system if charging admittance. OR use a ticket system with option to purchase extra tickets.
 - Goodie bag of glow items handed out to attendees
 - Suggestion on contents of bags
 - Pumpkin eraser
 - Glow necklace/bracelet
 - Glow sticks

- Hersey's chocolate kiss
 - Activities
 - photo booth area
 - craft table to decorate pumpkins
 - Possible to use some of the school supplies - IE scissors, crayons, etc if needed?
 - Pumpkin Scratch Paper Art
 - Stickers
 - Shadow puppet theater
 - Hair painting
 - Games with glow sticks
 - Catapult
- Box Tops
 - New! Volunteer to coordinate: Natalie Petersen
 - She will be emailing how to collect formats we can post on social media and website.
 - Suggestion: Classroom contest to decorate new collection tubs
 - Suggestion: Collection bin in the front of the school, made large for parents to drop them into
 - Suggestion: Create a "Golden Box Top" award to be given out at the monthly school assembly on contest months.
- Budget
 - As of Aug 31st our account as \$4427.98
 - Two checks are pending deposit: Box Top April Payout(\$26.50) & Kula Foundation(\$10.67)
 - Board will work on reestablishing a Non-profit status. Progress report will be given at the next PTO meeting
- Science Van – hosted by the Pacific Science Center
 - During select months you do not need to also pay mileage.
 - Nov is Physics on Wheels
 - Rich will book
 - Pricing system is in limbo but expected to be about \$400
 - Our school qualifies for a grant as we are low income
- Tears of Joy or similar
 - Suggestion: Contact the group behind Strictly No Elephants musical
 - Suggestion: Missoula Children's Theater group.
 - Can inquire about online, although very limited to no choice on when they may come. Marrison will email to see about booking. Spring would be a bad time.
 - A week long event, very kid based. Described as fun, and worth it for the children as well as anyone who attends the performance.

- General notes
 - Suggestion: give a description of event when asking for Volunteers along with dates/time
 - FroYo Takeover
 - Rich has contacted and learned they do these on Thursday or Sunday. He will arrange when they get back to him on dates that are available.
 - Swimming Pool Party
 - prefer in Feb or March. Marrisona contacted them however they do not have a schedule for those months yet.
 - Movie Night
 - Ms. Hendricks will look for a date on an upcoming Friday to coordinate dressing up for Inside-Out.
 - Recommendation: Full page flyer added to Wed folders 2 weeks before event, ½ page flyer sent out the week before.
 - Request to have minutes sent via email to attending body as well as entire school staff. Print copy to post on PTO board in hallway.
- Meeting ended about 7:50 pm