

West Middle PTO General Meeting
February 21, 2023
7pm Library

Call to Order: 7:06pm.

Attendees: Dana Lorenz, Julie Wyatt, Jeanna Gossett, Myriam Gitt-Andrews, Stephanie Stokes, Lori Conran, Kate Deckelbaum, Tamara Welliver, Angela Stevens, Casey Pfarr, Mary Curtis, Lisa Tarter, Lauren Deichmann, Pamela Betz, Emily Schlick, Anne Branch, Robyn Hayes, Cathy Breckenkamp, and Dr. Kealan.

President's Update: Julie Wyatt

- Review and Approve December meeting minutes: Motion: Jeanna Gossett, Second: Casey Pfarr
- State of the District- Stakeholders were invited to participate in this interactive session to review stats and information about the following 5 topics: Achievement, Climate and SEL, Demographics and Staffing, Finance and Facilities, Student Opportunities
The comments and information provided on 2/1/23 are being considered as the district formulates their plan for the next 5 years, Project Parkway 3.0. Encourage everyone to get involved with 3.0 to see where the district is heading.
- Food Pantry Update- thank you to all who donated, and PTO is looking forward to supporting the pantry again. We will offer this again in late April/early May with the Lighthouse Group.
- PTO donated four "Welcome to West" baskets to the feeder elementary's fundraisers. These contained a locker shelf, lock, locker gear and spirit wear gift card and goodies.
- Vote on President- Elect Position: Candidate- Myriam Andrews- Dana to conduct the voting process; Myriam has shown a true commitment to PTO already with her contributions to Fundraising as well as connecting with parents at 5th grade night to create a new volunteer base. Our first order of business as a team will be to connect with the nominating committee to begin work on filling the remaining Board positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising (Stephanie Stokes), Communications, Community. 15 approved to vote in Myriam Andrews.

Treasurer Report: Emily Schlick

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Books updated through Monday 2/20/2023. Bank statements reconciled through January and against budget YTD.

Highlights:

Category	Net	Net (Jan)
Pretzel Sales	\$595.57	
Winter Party (Mario Kart)	\$394.50	
Direct Giving	\$7,975.28	\$7,225.28
Spiritwear Sales	\$2,661.09	\$402.41

- PTO finances remain in good order
- Tax Letters for direct giving sent
- Electronic payment options: Stripe fees (already at ~\$150 for 11 tables. Less than \$100 total in paypal), paypal card readers expiring 4/3/23

We currently have approximately:

- ~\$68,615.33 in bank accounts.
- ~\$3,421.76 in PayPal
- ~\$4,389.98 in Stripe
- ~\$76,427.07 in total

FY 22/23 budget review:

~ \$29,373.50 gross income against a goal of \$31,500.

~\$36,980.29 in expenses against a planned \$30,675.

~(\$7,606.79) net income YTD

Note:

- ~ 10K over on Spiritwear expenses
- ~ 6,300 gaga ball expenses carried over from last fiscal year

A discussion next school year needs to take place with the board re. Stripe fees. Are there other options to consider with less fees? Suggestion: QR codes directing to PayPal.

Fundraising Report: Pamela Betz and Jeanna Gossett

- Rock and Roll Bingo: April 1, 2023 6-10pm. 90s themes. Tickets on sale NOW! There are two live auction items: Taylor Swift tickets and a 7-week old puppy. A huge thank you to Zach and Lisa Tarter for donating the tickets. There is a Sign Up genius for volunteers to sell raffle tickets and set up decorations. We are still looking for five round sponsors. \$100.00 to sponsor a round. A great opportunity for small local businesses, realtors, insurance agents.
- Direct Giving: Almost at \$8K of \$12k goal. We knew \$12K was a stretch goal so we are hoping to hit by end of the year.
- Spirit Wear: We sold spirit wear at a discounted price to the teachers during the week of February 13th. The teachers were grateful!
- Pretzel Sales: April 14th – last day.
- Amazon Smiles- discontinued

Communications Report: Jen McCurdy

Community Report: Anne Branch

- Staff Appreciation: Kate Deckelbaum. February 2nd was the last staff giving drop off. End of the year planning is underway.
- Government Relations: Jennifer McGillvary
- Cotillion: Jamie Gumpel.
- Winter Family Night: Anne Branch and Angie Stevens- PTO thanks you both for all you have done to bring something new and fun as an option for students and families to connect. 40 families participated.
- 8th Grade Celebration: Mandy Kelly, Robyn Hayes, Kristen Merriman.
- Longhorn Pride/Beautification- Dr. Kealen.
- Lucky to be a Longhorn Fun Run- Robyn Hayes. 145 runners signed up. Coffee truck will be present. Finishers will receive Shamrock beads. Bagels and water when they cross the line.
- 6th Grade Reps- Stephanie Stokes and Myriam Andrews
- 7th Grade Reps Aurella Clinkscale and Angie Stevens
- 8th Grade Reps- Lori Conran and Kate Deckelbaum

Principals' Report: Dr. Kealen

- Old Business:

We have \$2675 left over from the 10K marked for recess/gaga ball and had previously been holding funds back to pay for the painting of a kickball field on the blacktop which is no longer requested by the school. We will be using left over funds to purchase basketball pole pads and a bike rack for the school and some more gaga ball pit balls. Basketball pole pads: \$771.45; bike rack- \$500 Gaga ball pit replacement balls- \$65.50 for 15 through our gaga ball supplier; \$65.84 for 16 through Amazon.

The FACS request during our grant period has been fulfilled by the school. It has been removed from our grant list for 2022/2023

The STARR room has fulfilled their request. Total: 409.13 less return of 51.07 for trampoline (total spent: 358.06). Teacher requested plastic bins for storage of previously purchased items such as kinetic sand- \$41.68.

- New Business

Sound system. Projector. Screen. Cages around everything to protect it. Wires to be run from over the top of the gym to a box on the opposite side with a box to plug into it. Wireless. Bluetooth. For hearing impaired guests, the system will be ADA compliant. Availability of the product: Components are in stock. The product is consistent so you can add to the product as needed. The ideal is to have the project complete prior to the gym floor being installed, May 23. Cost: \$53,852.

Lisa Tarter motion for PTO to provide \$40K with additional fundraising of \$14K. 2nd motion: Lori Conran. Discussion: Robyn Hayes requested to amend the motion to provide up to \$54K if the funds are needed before fundraising can be initiated. The plan is to raise the \$14K if all \$54K is needed. 2nd motion: Lisa Tarter. Vote: Unanimous.

Next Meeting: March 14, 7pm in the Library