

LOM PTO Minutes
September 9, 2013, 7:00PM, LOM Cafeteria

Sue Diaz called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and introduced the PTO board. The 2013-2014 officers are Sue Diaz, President, Ann Lebert and Toni Grimm, Co-Vice Presidents, Liza Burns, Secretary and Michele Basalice, Treasurer.

Approval of minutes from previous PTO meeting: Ellen Hoiby motioned to approve the minutes from the 5/13/13 meeting, Annette Gulinson seconded the motion. All approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Michele Basalice

Michele went over the 2012-2013 finances (see attached).

*T-shirt expenses for last year were a loss, but generally break even.

Michele also went over the 2013-2014 budget (see attached).

*The estimated income for the year is \$43,065.

PROPOSED PTO PROJECTS: Sue Diaz

We have \$11,500 for projects plus some reserved funds. We are looking for input from teachers and parents on how to allocate the funds. Some of the suggested projects include:

- Backpack hooks for each classroom. They would cost approx. \$30/class. Mrs. Johnson indicated that backpack hooks could be teacher preference but that each classroom has one wall that was built with additional support for hooks.
- Bleachers in the gym. Mrs. Johnson mentioned that the school had planned to use the plastic risers in place of bleachers, but they do not fit.
- Curtains for the stage in the cafeteria.
- Shade structures: Mrs. Johnson explained that the old structures over the east gate pickup at the old school. The district took them down during construction with the plan to reuse them. They cannot be used again because of code changes. Rosanna Watson requested further information about the specific code changes. Ellen Hoiby asked whether the shade structures could be used anywhere on campus. Mrs. Johnson added that she has spoken to the district about looking at contingency funds for the construction project to purchase new shade structures since PTO should not have to buy them since we bought them originally.
- Requests from teachers: including magazine subscriptions. We already allocate funding for teachers (\$200/full time teacher and \$500 for specials programs). Sue Diaz suggested we could allocate additional funds on either a case by case basis or allocate additional funds per grade level. Briana Beveridge said she has heard from teachers they are having storage issues and asked if PTO could pay for additional storage. Mrs. Johnson responded that a second round of furniture is coming. She also mentioned that some teachers could have spent their \$200 checks on magazine subscriptions or they can ask parents for additional money to donate money.

Ellen Hoiby suggested that we ask teachers if they have requests for specific purchases with a deadline of the November meeting. She also suggested we pick one big project as our first priority. Sue Diaz mentioned that PTO has a new spring fundraiser and it is possible we have under-projected the proceedings so we might have additional monies.

Toni Grimm suggested that each grade level should decide as a team their priorities. We would like to meet as many needs as possible while keeping it as fair as possible. She added that she doesn't think teachers want to bombard parents with lots of requests for money at the beginning of the year. Meggan Jacks suggested we get quotes for the big projects so we know how much we might need. Sue Diaz responded we will price the big projects and PTO will develop forms for teacher's "wish lists" based on the THS form. Meggan Jacks suggested the teachers use a website like donorschoose.com to ask for donations. Amy Mehr suggested something more local like the teacher's webpages. Ellen Hoiby suggested a school-wide wish list be added to the PTO website.

FALL CATALOG FUNDRAISING: Sue Diaz

Sue indicated that the fall fundraising forms are due tomorrow 9/10/13. Last year the fall fundraiser raised \$9500.

FALL BOOK FAIR

Annette Gulinson said Jamie Basham had sent out an email stating they still need more volunteers. Sue Diaz said we would add the book fair to Sign Up Genius so we could fill the open volunteer spots.

HARKINS PRESALES: Ann Lebert

Ann Lebert mentioned that because we sold out of Harkins cups so quickly last year, this year we are going to have presales. They will begin 10/1/13 and will continue through mid-November.

FALL FESTIVAL: Amy McIlroy

The Fall Festival will be on 12/7 this year. We have to be out of the cafeteria by 3pm on that date. All of the vendors are booked. She is looking for lots of volunteers and will form committees. She is having a meeting about the Fall Festival on 9/11 at 7pm in the teachers lounge. The theme for the festival is Blazing into the New Year (a country/western theme).

CAPITAL OVERRIDE: Meggan Jacks

Meggan Jacks is the point contact for Invest in Education PAC. Her job is to rally the troops and get the message out to voters.

*Campaign walk on Saturday, 9/14 from 9am to noon starting at Moon Valley Park. The walkers will visit likely voters and pass out flyers. They need 20 primary walkers.

*Phone banks will call list of voters on 9/17 and 9/19. She needs 10 people at each of the phone banks.

*Car tagging event will be coming soon.

*On election day, we need a presence at polling stations.

*Register to vote and fill out the Permanent Early Voter form if you are interested.

*We need 12,000 "yes" votes to pass the overrides. Early ballots come out on 10/10 so we need to get the message out before then.

PRINCIPALS REPORT: Tricia Johnson

Mrs. Johnson is appreciative of all of PTO's support. They didn't realize the magnitude of opening a new school. They still need to tweak some procedures. They found some leaks in the rain. A construction manager is still on site. There are some big things coming:

*Friday before fall break there will be a "Ribbon cutting" dedication during the day

*Tours to community piggybacking on Fall Festival

*New flags are coming for the flagpole.

*Electronic marquee is installed and should be up and running soon. The money for the marquee came from the cell tower.

*The fields will be hydra seeded this week (weather permitting). They will wait for it to germinate before it will be open for play.

*Security and City of Phoenix has been there to work on new signage and painting. No stopping signs will be added to Central Avenue; Lines will be painted to keep children back from crosswalks; pour more sidewalk and add railings; add crosswalk from staff parking lot to admin building; adding signage to staff parking lot. They have also added additional teachers' duties after school.

Jennifer Dunnion commented on the narrow sidewalk next to the kindergarten playground and asked whether eastbound walker could walk through the school. Mrs. Johnson responded they want to get everyone out before they let others in. She suggested that eastbound walkers could walk through the kindergarten playground.

Mrs. Johnson is open to any suggestions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm. Next meeting: Monday, October 14, 2013 at 1:30pm

ATTENDANCE: Sue Diaz, Ann Lebert, Toni Grimm, Michele Baselice, Liza Burns, Susan Penney, Meggan Jacks, Amy McIlroy, Antoinette Larson, Rosanna Watson, Mandy Taylor, Amy Mehr, Karen Konetzni, Ellen Hoiby, Adrienne Sanford, Jennifer Dunnion, Briana Beveridge, Laura Bell, Michelle Cline, Zoe Clisham, Sarah Hackett, Priscilla Baird, Erin Johnson, Michele Valdivia, Annette Gulinson, Melanie Cottam, Ron Henderson, Natalie Veidmark, Tammie Steffensen, Karen Lalli-Kelley, Audrey Barrett, Tricia Johnson, Leah Weber, Mindy Morrison, Patty Kautz