

# STM PTO Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2017

**PTO officers present:** Maria Lutzow, Evelyn Bevins, Matt Wojtas, and Sara Garcia de Alba

**Faculty members:** Mrs. Sonja Keane (principal), Mrs. Varley (3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher), Mrs. Craig (8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher)

**Attendees:** Terri Lee, Michelle Dawson, Trish Muffler, Liz Murillo, Emi Salazar, Maria Mesina, Sue Campbell, Carmen Mallory, Kelly Lockard

Meeting started at 7:08pm

Opening prayer/Introductions

A brief explanation was given about PTO being a liaison between the school and community to create socialization between families.

PTO has a page on the school's new website.

## Grandparents Day

Grandparents' day was a success and many families were pleased with this year's event, especially the Mass. Grandparents' visited their grandkids classes. The kids loved this event. They finished it out by playing BINGO.

## Trunk or Treat

Evelyn's first time chairing an event!!

61 kids registered, 21 trunks registered for decorating

The event includes face painting, a bouncy house, games, 8<sup>th</sup> graders run games and receive service hours for volunteering

Not intended to make money, just a fun event for the kids

Volunteers get a complimentary slice of pizza and drink

Parents who couldn't attend helped by coordinating donations from surrounding businesses

## Room Party/Coordinator

Need volunteers to help with room parties

Opportunity to see your child in the classroom and meet new people/parents

Budget is \$4 per student

## Box Tops

Free fundraiser for us to raise money

Keep clipping your box tops to help the school!

Box tops app requires a little more effort for the parent to collect, but if you are tech savvy, it's a great way to track your tops.

Typically \$1500 is raised for the entire year.

One collection in the Fall and one in Spring.

## **Craft Fair**

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Things are going well. Crafters are a little less than last year.

Jean is looking for bakers or baked goods for the fair.

It is one of our fundraisers that brings in a few thousand dollars.

## **Questions**

*Do we have a budget?*

We are finalizing budget and will reveal final number at the next PTO meeting.

*Where does the profits go?*

PTO looks at the priorities and what is needed and affordable to allocate the money to best service the school.

Teachers lounge and water fountain were two things that PTO supported this year so far. Open to any ideas of what is needed/nice to have for the school.

*Chrome Books?*

6<sup>th</sup> grade is the pilot group for the new Chrome books.

Plan to expand to 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Assigned Chrome books will stay with them until they graduate.

Goal is to add Chrome books to classes every year.

Chrome books currently stay at school.

*Will there be any "No Cook" nights planned?*

Fundraising would setup these nights.

PTO can work with Fundraising to setup nights.

*Fundraising vs. PTO?*

We are two separate groups

Fundraising profits help service and run the school and to keep costs down on tuition.

PTO helps supplement other needs of the school and keep the community together.

*Any topics you would like PTO to address at meetings?*

PTO was asked to have dates to upcoming meetings.