

PTO Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2021

Welcome:

Present: 5 members present

Treasurer Report: Prepared by Angel Balsley and read by Christine and approved. There is a current balance of \$10,766.10.

Officers for Next Year: Joel agreed to serve again as president and Angel as treasurer. Joel will be speaking with Jessica Firestone regarding the secretary position. Lilly Chapman expressed interest in serving as an officer. We will confirm officers next week when we hopefully have more present.

Meeting Dates: We agreed to maintain Mondays at 3:30pm in the library on the same night as school board meetings are held. These will be posted on staff Google calendar, on Eventlink and in Newsnotes. It was suggested to offer a virtual option each time. Links can be placed on website and on Facebook or emailed to current members. There will be no October meeting since school is not in session 2 Mondays that month.

Suggestions for Projects: Last May PTO reached out with a survey in search of suggestions for a larger project to work toward. The few suggestions that were made were briefly discussed although more information is needed on a few. We are hoping to seek more suggestions and will discuss the existing projects again at the September meeting.

Foreign Language: Lilly wondered how we might incorporate learning a foreign language in the elementary grades. We discussed the after school Language Lab using Rosetta Stone software that was used for about 5 years until interest waned. Students were able to choose from 8 different languages and work at their own pace. They could also login at home. At that time the software was \$100 per student and paid for through the High Ability Grant.

Fundraisers: Last year's fundraisers (Art to Remember, Valentine Day Carnation Sales, and Wakarusa Dime Store) brought in revenue and good participation. Ongoing ways to support PTO are through Shaklee online, Amazon Smile, and 1st Place Spiritwear which launched in May. Triton PTO receives 10% of sales generated through 1st Place Spiritwear. We discussed the possibility of having Fun Fair again, but it's too early to tell if we will be able to hold it as traditionally planned.