

Lamar PTO Meeting
8/21/25

President Janna Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Board Members: President Janna Smeltzer, VP of Fundraising Dawn Starr, VP of Membership Lexie Swistak, VP of Programs Karina McKinney, Secretary/Dec Chair Lindsay Waugh

General Members: Claudia Montemayor, Tinsley Phelps, Kelly Doty, Suzanne Spahr-Cobb, Jimmy Atkinson, Jo Hatcher, Corne Wells, Jason Vick, Megan Birdwell, Kristen Yates

Lamar Members: Principal Alison Brown, Counselor Evangelic Sipp, Librarian Laurie Baus

President's Report-Janna Smeltzer

-Janna introduced the returning and new officers on the board for the 2025-2026 PTO at Lamar. She then covered the membership and volunteer forms required if PTO parents want to volunteer. PTO supported programs were covered next, including fundraisers, school trips, family breakfast events, cultural events, yearbook, spirit wear, and teacher reimbursements, among other things. Next, she covered our 2024-2025 year in review, including how much money we raised. All information is included in the slide presentation. Next, she covered different ways to get involved, like Tears and Cheers, Read-a-thon, and Chalk the Walk, among others. She also covered open positions on our PTO and our various committees. Janna talked about the first two weeks of events. Janna also requested volunteers to help us put up the new teacher signs. Book Fair is October 17th-24th.

Treasurer's Report-Janna Smeltzer for Briana Gray

-Proposed budget is getting finalized. Janna filled in for Briana by covering our expected income and expenditures. She also informed us of the bank account balance. Refer to the slide presentation for more information.

VP and Committee Reports

Fundraising Report-Dawn Starr

-Read-a-thon starts September 5th. Dawn talked about the kids being excited and its benefits. She also informed us of the Limelight having the information. She also covered the spirit nights. We were approved for Kroger Community Rewards.

Membership Report-Lexie Swistak

-Lexie introduced herself. She informed of us her goals and hosting an event. She has enjoyed being involved with PTO and is excited to be more involved.

Programs Report-Karina McKinney

-Karina introduced herself and covered upcoming events, such as Parent Info Night and volunteer opportunities for Fall Picture Day and Book Fair.

Decorations-Lindsay Waugh

-Lindsay covered the different opportunities for those who like to get creative.

Principal's Report-Alison Brown

-Alison introduced herself. She talked about having a successful start to the year and expressed excitement about that. She expressed appreciation for the pre-school decorations, our volunteers, and the updates to the front office. She included the information on the Accountability Rating. Alison is projecting that we will be awarded an A for this year. She said we will have a public meeting over all the things involved in accountability, advertised in the Limelight. Looking ahead, she informed us of the parents night and Read-a-Thon coming up. Read for a Better Life is also coming up and is incorporated into Read-a-Thon. Next, Alison talked about parent workshops and multi-cultural nights, as well as dual language nights. The parent workshops have been well-attended. Our walk to school day is October 9th-Chalk the Walk.

Questions?

-Jay asked about a mother/son and father/daughter event that his wife read about in the Limelight-Alison touched on that.

-A question was asked about how the car rider line auction item worked.

-Next meeting will be September 18th, 2025 at 2 p.m.

President Janna Smeltzer called the meeting to a close at 6:53 p.m.