

Lamar Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes 10/20/22

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Date, Time, Location: Thursday, October 20th, 2022, 2:00 p.m., Instructional Coach office.

Meeting called to order by: President Lauren duTreil at 2:00 p.m.

Attendance: Lauren duTreil, Kai Ritter, April Prim, Jesse Lyons, Taylor Willhite, Kim Cameron, Missy Baxter, and other members of the Lamar Elementary PTO.

Meeting opening from Lauren.

- Welcome, introductions, and President's report: Lauren duTreil
 1. Minutes and newsletters available at www.lamarpto.com.
 2. Successful Readathon, Chalk the Walk, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Read for a Better Life events.
 3. Briana working on end of year report / taxes.
 4. Spirit wear: Requests for more. Choosing a vendor and will follow up.
 5. Teacher Liaison: Will reach out for help if needed. Projects such as cutting / laminating.
 6. Thank you to organizers in the library, helpers in the art room, homecoming float / costume, and fall picture day volunteers.
 7. Providing birthday cards and cupcakes for staff.
 8. Recent purchases: Scholastic magazines for kids, 4th grade t-shirts, teacher reimbursement, and microwave for life skills classroom.
- Budget: Lauren duTreil
 1. Giving 10% down and costs are 40% higher. Same percentage of people are giving but donations are lower. We need to figure out ways to cut costs.
 2. Need more sponsorships this year to make up difference.
- Proposed budget review and vote: Taylor
 1. Motion passes to approve with majority.
 2. Review of budget. Revised by lowering. Motion to approve. Passes with majority approval.
 3. \$32,000 current balance in bank. Readathon check will increase the amount.
 4. Expenditures on decorations, hospitality, and teacher reimbursements.
 5. Successful Spirit Nights at Spring Creek and Mia's Table.
 6. Mascot ready to ship.
 7. Enrichment Night treat for students.
- Fundraising: Jesse Lyons
 1. Readathon prizes distributed. Upcoming popsicle parties for top two classes.

2. Spirit wear - waiting on price. Profit \$500.00.
 3. Spirit Night numbers coming soon.
 4. Spirit Night at Chic-Fil-A on Thursday, November 10th and at Red Robin on Thursday, December 8th.
- Sponsorships: Ashley Singleton
 1. \$750 in Sponsorships so far and \$500 coming soon.
 2. Sponsorship letters will go out in Tuesday folders.
 3. Spreadsheet will be sent out via email. Video for how to update spreadsheet, instructions in following up with businesses, and sending thank yous coming soon. If a company is not on the list, let Lauren, Jesse, or Ashley know.
 4. Benefits for sponsors: recognition on website, social media, and signage.
 5. For in kind donations, think about the silent auction at Carnival.
 6. Sign up for Amazon Smile.
 7. Check with companies' policies on giving for volunteer hours or donations.
 8. ExxonMobil will match \$500 for every 20 volunteer hours. Upcoming projects: garden beds, Gaga ball pit, and soccer nets.
 - Diversity - Lauren
 1. Lunch for teachers.
 2. Bulletin boards.
 - VP Programs and Committee Reports: Kim Cameron
 1. Volunteers to set up and take down events.
 2. Success of Read for a Better Life and contribution by community members.
 3. Enrichment Night on November 17th. Treat for students: s'mores.
 4. Add cultural event before the holidays.
 5. Health and Safety Committee: November collaborative and education programs.
 - Principal's Report: Kristen Belcher - Thank you PTO!
 1. Diversity Committee - Need volunteers and contact Belcher with ideas.
 2. Successful Hispanic Heritage Month and mariachi visit.
 3. Anti bullying, world kindness day, and dyslexia awareness.
 4. Upcoming: Veteran's Day and Native American Heritage month.
 5. Stop the bleed kits getting mounted. Staff trained in safety and health - Stop the bleed and CPR. CISD police and agency: crisis training. Continuing to invest in training.
 6. Large black door numbers on exterior of building. Helpful for emergency care response.
 7. Substitutes trained on expectations. Keep doors locked and shut.
 8. Canned food drive ends October 21st. Coats for kids / toy drive.
 9. Red Ribbon week - themed days.
 10. Storybook parade on October 31st at 9:00 a.m. Bring a book and dress up. No masks or props. Parents can gather out back like last year. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the gym. Note will go home in Tuesday folders.

- Memberships - Missy
 1. 152 total members.
 2. Social events: park meet up in November and December.
 3. Dinner for parents (tentatively on November 3rd).
 4. Holiday lunch in December
- Decorations - Jennifer Glass
 1. Enrichment Night (Family Reading Night) Camp Readalot - decorations for entrance to gym, library hall, and cafeteria.
 2. Need volunteers.
 3. Meeting to plan designs.
 4. Bookmark contest: grade level winner, upper / lower grade winner.
- Carnival - Lauren
 1. Meeting on Monday. Two sessions: morning and evening session.
 2. Theme - Celebrate diversity: Different parts of the world.
 3. Carnival games from around the world.
 4. March 31st event date.
 5. Proposal to Belcher by the end of November.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 17th at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Kai Ritter, Secretary