

Lamar PTO Meeting  
1/16/25

President Janna Smeltzer called the meeting to order at 1:58 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Janna Smeltzer, VP of Programs Leta Canlas Ward, VP of Fundraising Dawn Starr, Secretary Lindsay Waugh, Treasurer Briana Gray, Principal Alison Brown, Marissa Wolf, Deepika Sharma, Karina McKinney, Jo Hatcher, Jimmy Atkinson

**President's Report-Janna Smeltzer**

- Janna welcomed everybody and thanked them for coming to the meeting. Next, she thanked everyone for helping out with the Christmas events before break. Cakes and cookies were.
- Booster-thon is coming up as well as Carnival. Michelle is working on yearbook and keeping the progress up.
- Carnival-we are currently looking for sponsorships.
- Spirit nights have been a huge success. Spring Creek BBQ is coming up and is a big one. Flyers will be going out next week as well as signs the day of. Spirit Night will be running from 5-9 p.m on 1/23/25.
- New Budget Items-in the annex wing, the secondary staff, testing staff. They've asked for a new refrigerator and microwave in the teacher's lounge. Dawn moved that we buy a new refrigerator and microwave for the teacher's lounge. Briana seconded. The motion passed.
- We got storage cabinets ordered.
- Janna, Lindsay, and Leta went through the carnival boxes so we can start storing it in the cabinets in the Leopard Den. And, the Leopard Den will act as

**Outstanding Business**

- Leta moved to approve the November meeting minutes. Jo seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report-Briana Gray**

- We filed the state taxes, so, we are up to date. We are also up to date on our insurance through December 2025.
- Bank balance is sitting at \$60,000. Income-we received \$750 from Chik-Fil-A.
- Upcoming expenditures-Staff reimbursements, carnival, field trips, staff lunch for boosterthon.

**VP and Committee Reports**

**Fundraising Report-Dawn Starr**

- Booster thon update-we're always looking for new sponsors. We have a list of recurring and past sponsors. Wednesday the 22nd is when registration for Booster-thon opens. Dawn will be sending out emails and reminders. Kickoff is February 5th. Booster-thon is happening February 13th. Janna spoke a little about how the color run works. As we get sponsors, we'll need people to pick up items. We'll also need people who can drop off sponsor donations.

**Membership Report-Janna Smeltzer for Jennifer Glass**

-No updates.

### **Programs Report-Leta Canlas**

-Janna and Leta are working on some kind of treat for the teachers for the day of Booster-thon. We discussed options as a group.

-Donuts with Grown ups-2/28/25-need volunteers to hand out donuts.

### **Decorations-Lindsay Waugh**

-Have a conversation with Peppers about decorating the boards, Reading night, 3/6/25, we'll need help decorating the boards. We'll do snacks and waters. The theme is rodeo. Lindsay talked about the themes for the boards

### **Carnival-Janna Smeltzer**

- Janna showed examples of Jay's work for t-shirts, raffle tickets, and theme for the carnival.
- We are trying to consolidate some of the games and rethink them to make them easier to store.
- We're working on reducing our footprint at the school.
- Janna's goals: meet with Kim to get some stuff booked, like the teen volunteers and the inflatables.
- We are working on the first draft of the map.
- We are sending the game cards and raffle tickets.
- We are going to start requesting donations for raffle baskets soon. We are going to make them a little smaller so we can have more.
- We are going to keep the prices the same this year. Our goal this year to make it easier-using the online sales for a week-push and encourage it so the kids can just pick up their tickets to help minimize lunch traffic a bit during raffle ticket and punch card sales.
- We are trying to get items for silent auctions.

### **Principal's Report-Alison Brown**

-Mrs. Brown thanked us for the treats before the break. 2nd grade P.E. event-kids will come in with parents and rotate through P.E. events. 2nd round of testing is going on. Dates are in the calendar for closed campus for testing days. Next Thursday-first installment of parent workshop-reading and math at home activities. Spring Break is going to be here before we know it.

Questions?

-Briana asked about gifted and talented parameters. Mrs. Brown answered that they test ability and achievement. For ability, there is a specific score that they have to meet or exceed. The school sent home information if the students.

President Janna Smeltzer called the meeting to a close at 2:54 p.m.

Next meeting is 2/20 at 6 p.m.

