



# PTO Minutes

Monday March 7, 2022

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**Attendees:** Gerri Balthazor, Dana Ford, Becky Henry, Jennifer Mitchell, Amanda Philhour, Kim Schieber, Jill Reynolds, Jessica Simecka, Kim Rosel

**President's Report-** Jill Reynolds: A date has been set for Mizeapalooza: Friday, April 29th. The event will be structured similar to last year using the same vendor Carni Queens for the games. Jill will create a sign-up genius for the parent volunteers to run the games. It is time to think about positions for next year. Each position is a two-year term. Jill proposed adding a vice-president position. It was also suggested that some positions could be consolidated into one position. Jill asked for people to think about the positions and step up if there is one that they would like to fill.

**Treasurer's Report-** Dana Ford: Budget is healthy, especially in the fundraising category. The restaurant/skate night fundraisers have been very profitable. Dana suggested that we use some of these extra funds for the teacher reimbursements as they always incur extra out of pocket expenses for classroom needs. Several ways to facilitate this was discussed. It was suggested that we possibly add the extra to teacher appreciation.

**Principal's Report-** Gerri Balthazor: Gerri got a quote for the concrete pad that will go underneath the greenhouse. The quote was for \$4,000. The committee approved and decided to move forward with this quote. The work will begin in the spring. The greenhouse will be 8x16 feet and will cost \$2,700. There will be 10 cedar beds outside of the greenhouse for a cost of \$1,800. Total with the concrete the cost will be \$13,829. Waiting on final fence quotes. Gerri will get a date for the groundbreaking that will take place in the spring. Tickets can be purchased for the April 21st foundation event at Cause Coffee where the finalist will be selected for the grant. If you attend the event you will help choose the winner of the \$10,000 grant.

#### **Committee Updates:**

- Staff Appreciation: Teacher appreciation week is scheduled for the week of 5/2. Monica is working on the plans for this week. Sombreros catering for the teachers is rescheduled for Friday, May 6th.
- Fundraising: Hawk Walk is scheduled for April 21st. The Other Place fundraiser raised \$400. A Chipotle fundraiser is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29th. A Chick fil A fundraiser is scheduled for April. Date will be confirmed. Erica applied for a grant through Casey's and they granted us \$3,000.
- Family Activities: Father/Daughter dance is on Thursday, April 24th 5-7pm at the Barn at Kill Creek Farm. Lindsay Billinger and Amanda Philhour have been planning the event and working on flower sales. Amanda is facilitating this with the help of Jessica Simecka who created the page for sales on the website. Lindsay was able to reserve the Barn free of charge for the event. Mother/Son event is scheduled for Thursday, April 28th.
- Birthday Board: Kim will talk with Liz about a better system for communicating the birthdays to her and summer birthdays.
- Gift Card Coordination: Hailee Schmidt is working on another round of gift card sales for after spring break.
- Website Manager: Jessica Simecka would like to find a different payment method other than Paypal as to avoid them taking a cut. Gerri mentioned she did like the security of Paypal. Jessica will get report to Amanda on the flower sales when sales are finalized.
- Graphic Design: Amanda Philhour will work on a graphic for Mizeapalooza flyers.
- School Supplies: Becky is working on a portal and flyer for the purchasing of school supplies for next year. The deadline to order supplies is July 1st.
- Caring and Sharing: Kerri is working with Lainee Graham on the food pantry drive that will take place in April.

Next Steps: Next PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4th at 6pm. Mize Elementary

