



Mize
Elementary

PTO MINUTES

April 8, 2024

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Attendees: Jessica Simecka, Amanda Philhour, Kim Schieber, Erika Kokoruda, Kellie Lawton, Deanne Engstrom, Amy Welborn, Alana Driscoll, Emily Seaton

WELCOME!

1. President's Report: Jessica Simecka
 - a. Last meeting of the year; May meeting will be canceled.
 - b. PTO Pavilion Progress
 - i. Pavilion and fence construction will be completed by Apr. 19th
 - ii. Families are encouraged to tour the installations during the May 1st Green Gathering.
 - c. 5th Grade Yard signs [available for purchase](#) - \$15 each, \$4/ea. sign goes back to the 5th graders
 - d. 2024-2025 Committee Nominations/Recruitment
 - i. There are positions open. If you have interest in learning more or volunteering, contact Amanda Philhour, Jessica Simecka, or Kim Schieber
2. Treasurer's Report: Deanne Engstrom
 - a. Motion to approve 2024-2025 PTO members with bank account access: Deanne Engstrom, Amanda Philhour, Kim Schieber & Kellie Lawton. Debit card only access – Bridgid Driscoll.
3. Secretary: Emily Seaton
4. Committee Updates
 - a. Family Events Chair: Kim Schieber
 - i. Game Night: Jennifer McKechnie – Recap
 - Sold 75 shirts - \$325
 - Minsky's ran out of cookies and started giving away 'meal deals' for free. Income is still TBD
 - The Looking Glass photo booth, Pop-A Shot, and Cotton Candy received good feedback
 - ii. Parent's Night Out: Kellie Lawton/Sara Nachbar
 - Tall Trellis - Exploring June date
 - b. Mizeapalooza: Amy Welborn/Crystal Deschant - Friday, Apr. 26th
 - c. Fundraising
 - i. Birthday Board: Jenny McCord - Started advertising Summer birthdays
 - ii. Corp. Fundraising: Erika Kokoruda
 - Papa Murphy's, \$400

- Sombreros, \$400
 - Food Trucks @ May 1st Green Gathering
 - iii. Passive Income - POGO Pass - \$30 last month
 - iv. School Supplies: Meg Passman
 - Store to open the week of Apr. 22nd
 - Orders due by May 24th, delivers by Jul. 21st.
 - d. Philanthropy: Jennifer Mitchell
 - i. Snack Pantry – With the increasing need for this, Lainee Graham has reached out to Harvester’s Back Snacks program for assistance.
 - ii. DeSoto Food Pantry drive – week of Apr. 29th
 - e. Staff Appreciation Chair: Amanda Philhour
 - i. Teacher Appreciation Week: Kendra Younger/Kellie Lawton
 - A full week of spa-tacular events and treats has been planned
 - Shared [PayPal link](#) for donations to sponsor teacher treats.
 - Signups are going out to teachers for pampering options.
5. 2024-2025 Planning: Jessica Simecka/Amanda Philhour/Deanne Engstrom
- a. Goals
 - i. Begin to rebuild cash reserve equal to at least 1-year’s expenses
 - ii. Continue to support the Mize staff and students with opportunities, activities and supplies that provide enrichment for all.
 - iii. Work with Gerri to identify key initiatives for the next school year.
 - b. Budget
 - i. Hawk Walk to gross at least \$24,300
 - ii. Trim expenses where possible to rebuild cash reserve
 - iii. Add more fundraisers/creative ways to raise funds
 - c. Activities/Initiatives
 - i. Maintain all of the same activities as ’23-’24
 - ii. Find a new way to fund all-school shirts, which were very well received this year
 - iii. Add 1-2 more family events (i.e., Bingo, Parent’s Night Out, etc.)
6. Website: Melinda Shinault
7. Principal’s Report: Gerri Balthazor
8. Teacher Liaison: Alana Avery
- a. The school requested PTO support for 95 Percent curriculum

Next meeting: Cancelled. See you in Fall 2024!