



Mize
Elementary

PTO MINUTES

May 8, 2022

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Attendees: Gerri Balthazor, Deanne Engstrom, Jenny McCord, Amanda Philhour, Hailee Schmidt, Melinda Shinault, Jessica Simecka.

2022-2023 Updates

1) President's Report: Jessica Simecka

- A sub-committee specifically for the Garden/Greenhouse is forming. This group will work with Gerri and the district groundskeeper to get this project going as soon as the new addition is complete.

2) Treasurer's Report: Deanne Engstrom

- Motion to adjust TriCentury Bank Account access: add Amanda Philhour (VP), add Emily Seaton (Secretary) and remove Jill Reynolds.

3) Committee Updates

- Corp. Fundraising: Monica Toepfer/Jill Reynolds
 - Awaiting final amount from Parent's Night @ Tall Trellis
- Family Events: Kimberly Rosel/Mary Cloud
 - Fun was had by all. Thank you to Colby Sullivan for facilitating dodgeball.
 - Both the photo booth and pop-a-shot were great additions.
 - We made \$393.25 from the shirt orders and are now just awaiting the Minsky's check.
- Mizeapalooza – Lauren Cunningham
 - The event was awesome. The weather held out and Fun Services was a great vendor.
- Philanthropy: Jennifer Mitchell
 - De Soto Food Pantry – Collected over 688 items – filling their cart 3 times.
 - Kindness Pantry – All set until August and will be ready to activate again in the new school year.
- School Supplies: Becky Henry
 - [Ordering is live](#)
- Secretary: Emily Seaton
 - Year in Review details are coming together and will be communicated in the HEV, PTO website and on Facebook.
- Staff Appreciation: Amanda Philhour/Emily Seaton/Brigid Driscoll
 - Teacher Appreciation Week, May 8th-15th
 - McDonald's breakfast and a catered lunch
 - Additional treats and gifts will be provided throughout the week.
 - PayPal campaign was a success.

- Last Day of School Pizza Lunch, May 25th
- 4) Principal's Report: Gerri Balthazor
 - The 23-24 theme is Under the Sea.
 - The interior of the school will receive fresh paint before the next school year.
 - The new building addition is scheduled for completion by Oct. 1st.
- 5) Teacher Liaison: Alana Avery
 - Camp Learned a Lot – The PTO will provide supplies for a t-shirt decorating craft. This will be the last year that we will need to earmark funds for the program.

2023-2024 Planning

- 1) Only a few spots remain open for the 2023-2024 Committee. Please email MizePTO@gmail.com if you're interested in more info.
 - Mizeapalooza – *detailed instructions are available to repeat the event as it was this year.*
 - Family Movie Night – *new*
 - Coffee & Kleenex – *new*
 - Dance
 - Game Night
 - Membership Chair – *new*
- 2) We reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 Budget and will vote to approve once it's been revised with notes from the discussion (before May 25th).
 - Budgeting for ~525 students and ~86 staff members.
 - Fundraising goals are being adjusted to accommodate higher numbers and inflation.
 - Increasing Field Trip budget to remove financial burden from parents and cover the increased cost of bussing.
 - A second larger fundraiser would be beneficial to our bottom line.
- 3) Upcoming PTO Events –
 - Back-to-School Night is August 14th
 - The PTO will have a booth to provide information and recruit volunteers.
 - We're exploring options for displaying Spirit Wear to help with sizing.
 - Coffee & Kleenex – first day of school for kinder parents
 - August 16th from 8:30am-9:15am
 - Location – Cafeteria until 9:30am
 - Budgeting for coffee, Kleenex and light snacks.
- 4) Spirit Wear – We explored pre-ordering clothing to sell at in-person school events. However, this was voted down for fear of not being able to sell all the product potentially resulting in a loss of profit. Continuing to explore other options to promote sales and offer a wider selection of colors and styles.
- 5) Miscellaneous
 - We are looking to schedule a PTO Meet & Greet in July for current, new, and prospective committee members.