



Mize
Elementary

PTO MINUTES

February 12, 2024

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Attendees: Jessica Simecka, Amanda Philhour, Kellie Lawton, Emily Seaton, Jenny McCord, Deanne Engstrom, Melinda Shinault, Gerri Balthazor

WELCOME!

1. President's Report: Jessica Simecka
 - a. Review Spring 2024 Grants - \$3,696.93 approved
 - i. Upcoming Used Board Games Donation Drive to benefit classrooms
 - b. Revised Garden Plans - Receiving bids for pavilion, fencing, and concrete.
 - c. Discussed Mimi & Sabrina's upcoming budget request to support the Spring Garden and Green Initiative.
 - d. 2024-2025 Committee Nominations/Recruitment – there are many open positions for next school year. If you have interest in a position, please reach out.
2. Treasurer's Report: Deanne Engstrom
3. Secretary: Emily Seaton
4. Committee Updates
 - a. Family Events Chair:
 - i. Donut Grow Up Dance: Bridgid Driscoll & Jim Ondick
 - Positive feedback received for the event, food, and DJ.
 - \$93.04 income from shirt sales; pending income total from Minsky's
 - ii. Kindergarten Round up: Jessica Simecka & Amanda Philhour
 - Feb. 27th @ 6pm
 - We will raffle off a free School supply kit; see the PTO table to enter
 - iii. Game Night: Jennifer McKechnie
 - Thursday, Apr. 4th
 - Booked: Minsky's, Photo Booth & Pop-A-Shot
 - Solidifying shirt production
 - Flyer in development
 - iv. Parent's Night Out: Kellie Lawton/Sara Nachbar/Emily Seaton
 - Options under review
 - b. Fundraising
 - i. Birthday Board: Jenny McCord
 - ii. Corp. Fundraising: Erika Kokoruda
 - Skate Night, \$447.50
 - Papa Murphy's, Feb. 28th (11a-7p)
 - Sombreros, Mar. 20th (11a-9p)

- Chipotle, May 1st (4-8p)
 - iii. Mizeapalooza: Amy Welborn/Crystal Deschant
 - Friday, Apr. 26th
 - Communication to start soon
 - Sign up to volunteer: <http://tinyurl.com/mizeapalooza>
 - iv. Passive Income - POGO Pass - \$60 to date
 - v. School Supplies: Megan Passman ← New volunteer!
 - SchoolKidz Portal is set up, working with Janet/Liz to get lists
 - Sales start in mid-March, end in late-May and deliver in late-July
 - c. Philanthropy: Jennifer Mitchell
 - i. KVC recap – December
 - Video in the HEV newsletter; post on Facebook
 - ii. Kindness week will be spearheaded by Lainee and the leadership club
 - iii. Snack Pantry – March
 - The Girl Scout troop is stocking pantry through March, then PTO will be seeking donations to fill the remainder of the year and beyond
 - iv. DeSoto Food Pantry – April
 - d. Staff Appreciation Chair: Amanda Philhour
 - i. Q2 Conferences: Dana Ford
 - Due to school cancellation on Feb. 14th, snack donations were collected early.
 - Starbucks and On the Border were provided on Feb. 15th.
 - ii. Teacher Appreciation Week: Kendra Younger, Kellie Lawton
 - Planning has begun – Spa theme
5. Website: Melinda Shinault
6. Principal's Report: Gerri Balthazor

Next Meeting: March 4th