

KMPTO Meeting Minutes 1/15/13

Executive Board

- Co-President – Jennifer West
- Co-President – Steven Bigden-Russell
- VP – Christine Avona
- Treasurer – Kim Rossman
- Secretary – Dawn Sekulich
- Teacher Liaison – Ms. Suzanne Rivera

Co-President

- Kim Rossman will get Bigden a copy of Roberts Rules of Order to review. In the mean time, see <http://www.robertsrules.com>.
- Action items will now appear in red on the meeting minutes.

Finances

- Current balance is \$467.75.
- No new transactions.

Membership – Joneen Lannon

- Joneen will have sign up sheets at Thursday's movie night for upcoming events. Please sign up for donations & to help.
- Joneen will post needed items or requests for helpers to the Kenneth Murphy Elementary School Facebook page.

January Movie Night – Chairpersons Rebecca Carpenter & Jennifer West

- January 17th. We will start serving food at 4:30pm. *Cars II* movie will begin at 5:30pm.
- It was decided that food would be sold ala carte rather than as a combo. \$1 hotdog, \$0.50 chips, popcorn or baked goods, \$0.50 lemonade, \$1 or \$0.50 water depending on bottle size.
- Popcorn will be allowed in the gym.
- A best-decorated-car contest will be held – one car per family. The kids can make cars out of cardboard boxes at home, & bring them to watch the movie in! Everyone entering the contest gets a treat. There will be prizes for the top 3 cars.
- We are figuring on 200 people.
- Electric roasters & baked goods need to be at the school by 4pm.

Event Security Concern

- A concern about the security during PTO events was brought up in light of the tragic shootings out east.
- A parent offered to contact Zion Police or the Lake County Sheriff to get coverage.
- It was pointed out that police/sheriff usually require payment for providing security. PTO does not want to set a precedent for continually providing professional security. On our own, PTO is not equipped to screen or search people. Not properly providing security may open the PTO up to more liability if something were to go wrong.
- At this late notice for January's movie night, we'll just have volunteers be more aware of people entering. A volunteer was chosen specifically to watch the door for unknown attendants (as much as possible). The gate leading to the main classroom hall will also be closed (just past the cafeteria) for the night.
- Dr. Bieneman will bring the issue of security up at the next district leadership meeting.
- PTO will look to possibly form a committee specifically for security/safety.

PTO/Catch Family Game Night – Chairpersons: Dr. Batz (Catch) & Suzanne Rivera

- January 31st (Thursday) from 5-6:30pm
- Committee: Kim Rossman, Jen Walsh, Mary Abrego
- Lisa Garcia will help run the Healthy Snacks Table along with Sherri Ballard (hope you don't mind Sherri!!!)
- Instead of having families donate snacks, ingredient donations will be requested. **Susanne will email Joneen donation request list.**
- Kids are turning in applications for games they have come up with. Dr. Batz will choose several for the event.
- Susanne will have about 10 board game stations set up in the cafeteria. **Anyone who knows how to play chess & can help out, please contact Susanne.**
- The double dutch jump rope documentary *Jump* will run at the event.

Remembering Cory Batz Drive – Bone Marrow Registration Drive

- This drive is in memory of Dr. Batz's son Cory. Come to the drive to get information or to register as a donor. You can be listed on the registry where patients turn when they need a matching donor.
- Joining the *Be The Match Registry*[®] is easy. When you come to a donor registry drive, they will explain what it means to join the registry, help you understand your commitment, answer your questions and help you through the process.
- Event Location: Zion Park District Leisure Center (2400 Dowie Memorial Drive, Zion)
- Event date & time: February 16, 2013 9am-11am
- For more information about the event, donating or registering, visit <http://marrow.org/Pages/DonorDriveSearch.aspx?key=063-4-03066>

Family Dance – Chairpersons: Christine Avona & Steven Bigden

- Thursday, February 21st.
- Dance Committee members include Rebecca Carpenter, & Gregory & Taneeka Hawkins.
- Everyone should wear their Sunday best.
- Mr. Bigden made several attempts to contact a DJ for the event. No luck.
- **Both Joneen Lannon & Tom Curbelo will get a hold of their DJ contacts to see if we can get a free or VERY inexpensive DJ.**
- Rebecca Carpenter has gathered prices from Cosco for flowers (\$8.99 for 16) & **will contact Zion's House of Creations for more options.**
- Zsarina Amador (KM parent) has agreed to take pictures at the dance (family pictures as well as general event pictures).
- It was voted that PTO will pay for ink & paper (**Z to get us receipts**).
- It was suggested that PTO make a donation to a specific cause using profits from the dance photos, but the cause has already met their goal.
- PTO will send out a registration for the dance so we may have a better indication of the numbers attending. Families will still be allowed to pay at the door.
- It was suggested that we have a discount for registering for the dance early. This will hopefully encourage more pre-registrations (less at the door) so we can better judge how much food/flowers/etc. To purchase.
- Registration forms will also give families the choice of a digital (emailed) photo or a traditional paper photo.

Family Reading Night – Mrs. Zannini

- March 1st, 5:30-7pm
- The theme will be Dr. Seuss.

Family Reading Night (continued)

- Police will be reading to the kids.
- **Volunteers are needed.**
- **Kim Hucker will contact Boy Scouts to volunteer.**

Administration – Dr. Bieneman

- KM Culvers Night (March Madness competition) is February 5th 11am-9pm -- Dr. Bieneman & Elise Drinkwine handling
 - That night, every purchase that is made with KM mentioned, a % is given to KM. We are competing against other area schools. The schools with the most sales move on to the next “level” & have another Culvers night for their school. Bigger profits made on our night = bigger prizes for our school.
 - **4 volunteers are needed for Feb.5th from 5-8pm.**
 - Culvers to provide flyers & will send Scoopy, their mascot, to a KM Community Meeting.
 - **Flyers are needed for this event & volunteer to make them.**
 - We will use Culvers' prize wheel & KM will provide prizes. 5-8pm only.
 - Culvers will take preorders from KM staff deliver for our day (2/5)!
 - Second level KM Culver's Night is tentatively on March 7th.
 - Third level KM Culvers Night is tentatively on March 21st. This night (a parent/teacher conference night) was preferred to encourage both staff & KM families to eat at Culvers on a busy night (giving our school more profits for the contest!!).

Science Night – Dianna Myers

- Possibly April 11th, or near Earth Day (April 22nd)
- PTO would like to help expand this event with a some recycling ideas.
- Kim Rossman contacted an electronics recycling company. They will pay for everything we collect & pay to have it shipped to them – a win/win!

Boxtops – Chairpersons: Angela Perry & Kristen DePerte

- A Boxtops class competition is continuing until February 1st.
- \$100 has already been collected since the last Boxtops submission!
- \$1107 was received for the last submission!
- **Kristen DePerte will let Mr. Bigden know if she will be able to come to the next community meeting (1/22) to speak about the competition.**

Meeting Attendance

Dawn Sekulich
Steven Bigden
Jennifer West
Lisa Garcia
Jennifer Walsh
Suzanne Rivera
Sara Schutz
Elise Drinkwine
Dr. Bieneman
Kim Rossman
Paula Bieneman
Rebecca Carpenter

Angela Perry
Kristen DePerte
Jessica Weishaar
Joneen Lannon
Kim Hucker
Tomas & Leslie Curbelo