

KMPTO Meeting Minutes 3/17/15

Executive Board

- President – Kristen DePerte
- Vice President – Angy Perry
- Treasurer – Kim Rossman
- Secretary – Dawn Sekulich
- Teacher Liaison – Angie Solita

Next meeting – April 7, 2015 at 5pm (This meeting was added to get additional nominations & discuss end of the year events.)

Treasurer – Kim Rossman

- Current balance \$5317.59
- Previous balance = \$2337.06
- Deposits = \$7070.48
 - \$670.00 -- Family Dance
 - \$106.05 -- Flowers for 2-3 grade Concert
 - \$4771.00 – Butter Braids
 - \$52.20 -- Clothing/Textile Drive
 - \$624.50 – March Movie Night
 - \$863.78 – Coin Wars for Cory's Project
- Disbursements = \$4089.95
 - \$71.28 -- Family Dance
 - \$43.87 -- Flowers for 2-3 grade Concert
 - \$2862.60 – Butter Braids
 - \$109.22 – March Movie Night
 - \$863.78 – Coin Wars for Cory's Project
 - \$139.20 – Teacher Dinner
- Profits
 - \$598.72 -- Family Dance
 - \$45.13 -- Flowers for 2-3 grade Concert
 - \$1908.40 – Butter Braids
 - \$52.20 -- Clothing/Textile Drive
 - \$515.28 – March Movie Night (\$100 came from Art Walk silent auction!)

Butter Braids – Chair Kristen DePerte

- Profit was \$1908.40.
- Since we met a specific sales level, the Butter Braid company sorted & labeled the orders for us.
- The product pick-up went smoothly with few volunteers needed.

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Movie Night – Chair Angy Perry

- Profit was \$515.28.
- We were short on both volunteers & donations for this event.

Art Walk – Jessica Shanteau

- The Art Walk was well received & many had fun with the silent auction for student art pieces!
- \$100 was raised from the silent auction!
- Check out the pictures on KMPTO.weebly.com.
- The KM maintenance staff is making a set of art display boards just for KM. The display boards used at the Art Walk belong to the district.

Coin Wars with OLH – Chair Kim Rossman

- KM won Coin Wars against OLH. Unfortunately, OLH wasn't really able to get theirs going.
- \$1063.78 was donated to Cory's Project! This includes \$863.78 reflected in the PTO Treasurer's Report plus \$200 in checks written directly to Cory's Project.

KM Activity Account

- Money given to KM from KMPTO (proceeds from our events, fundraisers, & BoxTops) goes into the KM Activity Account. The KMPTO donations are the only funds that accumulate in this account. Below is a list of how Dr. Mayer has used some of the **funds from KMPTO!**
 - Chromebooks – over \$1800
 - School field trips -- over \$600
 - PBIS initiatives -- \$1700
 - Special KM events such as Family Literacy Night – about \$300
- Since the Wi-Fi in the KM building can now support more systems, Dr. Mayer would like to see an additional 5 Chromebooks (around \$230-260 each) in each classroom for grades 3, 4, & 5.
- Mr. Ongena the Director of Technology for the district is planning to have 3 tablets (\$300 each) purchased for each classroom, grades K, 1 & 2. Dr. Mayer let him know funds from the activity account would purchase an additional 2 tablets (\$300 each) per classroom. This will make 5 per classroom for grades K, 1, & 2.
- Additional costs for the new technology would include professional development for the staff so they know how to use the tablets/Chromebooks to the fullest with the students.

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- Dr. Mayer suggested that future KMPTO funds can be put towards the following:
 - new furniture for the library to replace tattered upholstered chairs & worn beanbag chairs
 - Painted murals for the stairwells costing approx. \$1000 for 2 (Mrs. Shanteau has a connection who could make the murals.)

Family Literacy Night – Chairperson Angie Solita

- All grade levels are doing a book study on the national parks. Each grade level will do a project on the topic for Literacy Night.
- Just FYI – The National Park Service sells passport books. Stamps are available to place in the book representing different national park locations. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/poex/planyourvisit/passports.htm> for more info.
- Kristen will ask Mrs. Zannini & Mrs. Solita if they would like us to sell only the "walking s'mores" or if PTO should sell nachos & hotdogs as well (more of a meal).
- We have tortilla chips left over from Movie Night.

Clothing/Textile Drive – Chairperson Dawn Sekulich

- Donations can be made at KM from Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 1.
- Donations can also be made on Saturday, May 2 at the KMPTO pancake breakfast at the Zion Applebee's.
- The large donation collection box will arrive at KM around April 22.
- Dr. Mayer will let us in KM on Saturday so the truck can collect the donations collected throughout the week.

Pancake (Applebee's) Breakfast – Chairperson Kim Rossman

- \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door.
- Ticket info will go out just after Spring Break.
- Tickets for the breakfast will be sold at Family Literacy Night.
- Mother's Day theme -- We're hoping dads will volunteer to work the breakfast this year!
- Flowers will be ordered from Jewel to give (not sell) to moms attending breakfast.
 - Flowers need to be ordered 2 Mondays (not just 2 weeks) before needed.

Flowers at 4/5 Grade Concert – Chairperson Kristen Deperte

- This has gone over well at the concerts for the other grades this year.
- Selling the flowers is done as more of a fun service rather than as a money maker.

Teacher Appreciation – Kim Rossman (krossmann02@sbcglobal.net)

- Kim has already planned a week of fun surprises for the KM staff. Although details were given at the meeting, we won't be sharing them just yet.
- Volunteers will be needed to create (at home or with Kim), set up, & clean up some of the things planned for the week. Please contact Kim if you'd like to help.
- A budget of \$400 was approved for Teacher Appreciation week.

Parent Volunteer for PBIS Committee – Shauntea Denton

- Thank you Shauntea for volunteering to represent the parents next year!

Memorial for Rebecca Carpenter – Chair Steven Bigden-Russell & Dawn Sekulich

- We'd like to place a bench at KM in memory of Rebecca's tireless volunteer efforts & kindness. The bench would be a "bully bench" where a child could go if they are feeling left out or uncomfortable. If other kids see them there, they are to invite them to play.
- The recycle company in Indiana that Steven found turned out to be too expensive & far for us to consider. (We'd have to go get the bench.)
- Other recycled benches are around \$500+.
- Dawn Sekulich's dad has made/refurbished a couple benches made from cast-iron & wood. He has offered to make one from recycled cast-iron bench end pieces & composite decking material. The project would take the summer to complete.
- A \$250 budget was proposed & passed.
- Dawn will see if Elise's Home Depot connection can get a discount on the composite decking.

KMPTO Executive Board Nominations

- Nominations can be given/ accepted electronically! Please send nominations to KMPTO secretary Dawn Sekulich at dawnsekulich@gmail.com.
- Nominations to date:
 - Lori Christenson – Vice President (nominated & accepted electronically)
 - Jessica Shanteau – Teacher Liaison
 - Kim Rossman – Treasurer (for re-election)
 - Joneen Lannon – Secretary
- Nominations for President are still needed.

Increase Involvement in KMPTO

- We have had problems for most of the year getting volunteers (for events, in-school services, & fundraisers) & donations (for events).
- The same people have to run everything.
- Proposed changes to increase involvement:
 - Have monthly PTO meetings again to provide more opportunities for people to attend. Hopefully, this will eliminate some of the disconnect members are feeling due to bi-monthly meetings. Currently much planning has to take place outside of PTO meetings (often at e-board meetings).
 - Possibly move the meeting time each month (an earlier meeting to allow KM staff to attend & the next month a later meeting for more parents to attend, & so on).
 - Possibly provide babysitting if there is a need.
 - Dr. Mayer suggested asking staff & parents what their preferences are for meetings.
 - Possibly begin keeping a contact list (Google Docs) of volunteers so chairpersons can contact them if needed. We stopped doing this once we started sending KMPTO communications to all KM families.
 - Change the Sign Up Genius email to show some of the positions/donations needing to be filled. Currently, to those unfamiliar with Sign Up Genius, it looks like if they click the link, they will have volunteered for any position that needs filled.
 - Have a volunteer at the entrance of each event asking parents if they would like to help out with the next event or fundraiser. They could show the parents some of the simple roles/donations that need to be filled.

New Business

- Dr. Mayer is creating a program for next year to have parent volunteers in during the school day to read to kids. He would like to create a more welcoming feeling for parents participating in the school building.
- KMPTO welcome fliers, handed out at the beginning of the year, will be given to the parents of the new pre-school program so they feel welcome to participate & volunteer in our PTO. Kristen or Angy will be updating the letter.
- A general PTO meeting will be added on Tuesday, April 7 at 5pm.

Meeting Attendance

Dawn Sekulich
Kim Rossman
Kristen DePerte
Dr. Matt Mayer
Shauntea Denton

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Joneen Lannon

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