

KMPTO Meeting Minutes 4/16/13

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

Next Meeting – May 7th

Past Event – Science Night – Dianna Myers & Dawn Sekulich

- Tuesday, April 16th 5-6:30pm
- Many 4th & 5th grade students turned out to exhibit their science projects.
- Adopt-a-Plant table – All plants were adopted!

Textile Recycling Event – Dawn Sekulich

- Collection continues through the rest of the week
 - During school hours, &
 - Saturday, April 20 (10am-2pm).
- Please bag all items & bring to the white box-truck at the east end of the KM parking lot.
- Chicago Textile Recycling will be taking our donations which will be divided up into second hand clothing, recycled into wiping cloths, or reprocessed into fibers.
- If we stuff the 16 foot truck full, we could potentially earn \$600 for KM. If we fill the one truck, CTR will bring another.
- Zion News has been notified about our recycle drive.

Field Day – Dr. Batz

- Monday, June 3 & Tuesday, June 4
- Dr. Batz is in need of volunteers for field day. Please contact her if you are available.
- Please note that you must also be a KM Partner to volunteer for this event because it takes place during the school day. If you are not a KM Partner, but would like to be, please contact the KM office for training.

Dr. Seuss Family Reading Night – Co-Chairpersons Mrs. Zannini & Rebecca Carpenter

- Wednesday, May 1st, 5:30-7pm
- Police will be reading to the kids.
- Rebecca Carpenter, Angela Perry, Jessica Weishaar, & Kristen DePerte have volunteered to run a table selling hot dogs.
- Hotdog combos will have a price increase from the last event to possibly \$2.50.
- Rebecca plans on purchasing ring pops to sell for 50 cents.
- Dawn Sekulich will make cake pops.
- Lisa Garcia will have a game table.

Calendar/Bylaws Meeting – Steven Bigden-Russell & Dawn Sekulich

- Wednesday, April 17 at 6pm at *It's All Good* in Zion. Anyone wanting to help may attend.
- A PTO events calendar for next year will be made to present to Dr. Bieneman.
- Bylaws will be reviewed. Changes will be presented & voted on at the May 7th meeting.

Suggested changes include:

- Change general PTO meeting dates from every month to every trimester.
- Change election date to the April (or earlier if on a trimester schedule) meeting rather than May. Outgoing board members would remain in office until the end of school year.
- Making note of nomination procedures to accommodate nominations to secretary by email. The emailed nominations would need to be accepted at the voting meeting to be included in the voting.
- Add a requirement that a balance of \$500 be maintained after any disbursements to the school to be used for expenses.
- We will need to clarify the Purpose Statement. We initially wanted monthly PTO events, but found throughout the year it may be better to expand already existing KM events & keep the couple new events (not monthly) we made (movies, dance). It is also agreed that while we want to raise money for KM school, we want to become known as a money engine. Our fundraisers should be fun or useful.

Movie Night – April's movie night has been canceled.

Study Island – Steven Bigden-Russell

- Mr. Bigden-Russell is now working with Study Island & will be looking for KM Partners to help to provide more focused lessons.
 - If you are not a KM Partner (different than PTO) & would like to help, please contact the KM office for KM Partner training.
- Extra training will be available for volunteers after school hours to learn the Study Island system more thoroughly.

Sock Collection – Steven Bigden-Russell

- Yep, socks. Not sure what to do with those mismatched socks? Please donate clean socks to be used by KM's kids as wipers for white boards. Send your donations in to Mr. Bigden-Russell.

PTO Executive Board Elections

- Board elections will take place at our next PTO meeting on May 7, 2013.
- Nominations for this election are as follows:
 - President – Steven Bigden-Russell (2nd term)
 - VP – Lisa Garcia
 - Treasurer – Kim Rossman (2nd term)
 - Secretary – Dawn Sekulich (2nd term)
 - Teacher Liaison – Suzanne Rivera (2nd term)
- Additional nominations may be emailed to Dawn at dawnsekulich@gmail.com until the election date. Nominations made by email will need to be accepted by the person nominated at the May 7th meeting to be included in the voting.

Finances – Kim Rossman

- Current balance is \$1145.56.
- Kim proposed that we keep a \$500 for PTO expenses after disbursing the rest to the school.
- Kim asked what we wanted to recommend (although we cannot stipulate per BPSD Board Policy 8-90 #7) our donation to KM be used for.
 - We discussed whether we should keep our funds at present to save for a larger donation to KM or if we should just donate what we currently have. The consensus was it is better to donate all we can now to show the KM community something tangible raised for KM during

- our 1st year. Maybe next year we could begin saving for a larger, long-term gift.
- Per Dr. Bieneman, the rock wall is more expensive than planned, but KM will have enough to purchase a starter wall which can have additions made to it. She suggested that we choose a different item.
 - Per student/parent surveys, PTO members present decided to recommend the money be put towards the LRC computer lab. (Money from KM's dance-a-thon will also be put towards the computers.) This was the #1 choice by KM parents from the survey requesting what they would like to see money spent on at KM.
 - Dr. Bieneman said she'd order a plaque saying the computer lab was funded in part by KM PTO.
 - For future PTO donations to KM, Mr. Bigden-Russell proposed we focus on equipment such as tablets, net books, & head phones.
 - Dr. Bieneman estimates between school fundraisers & PTO fundraisers, we've brought in about \$13,000.

Past event: Culver's Night – Round 3 – Chairperson Steven Bigden-Russell

- While we didn't win our 3rd round, \$1900 was raised for KM over the 3 KM Culver Nights!

Matching Donations –

- Ask the company you work for if they match donations. They won't do it unless we ask!
 - Many companies will match donations raised by school & PTO.
 - Now is the best time to ask because the fiscal year for companies is currently switching over.
 - Ask not only your employer, but also other area companies.

Meeting Attendance

Dawn Sekulich
Steven Bigden
Jennifer Walsh
Suzanne Rivera
Paula Bieneman
Rebecca Carpenter
Angela Perry
Jorge Nieto
Jennifer West
Lisa Garcia
Jessica Weishaar
Kim Rossman