

KMPTO Meeting Minutes 5/29/12

Monthly PTO Meetings

- The Beach Park District School Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month. To not over-book the district calendar for that week, we may move our PTO meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of each month (from the 2nd Tuesday). The KMPTO executive board will look more closely at the calendar & let everyone know.

Meeting Minutes

- The suggestion was made & agreed upon that since meeting minutes can be readily accessed online (www.kmpto.weebly.com) & by email, we would not read the minutes at each general meeting.

Bylaws

- The following changes were made to the bylaws first draft:
 - Membership dues will not be collected, rather a voluntary donation in an amount suggested by the executive board will be taken. (Article IV: Membership, Sec. II) Any additional language pertaining to the payment of membership dues was removed from the bylaws.
 - A KM staff member must fill the position of one of the minimally required KMPTO Executive Board members (President, VP, Treasurer, or Secretary). (Article V: The Executive Board)
 - Wording was added to accommodate the possibility of two people filling any executive board position. (Article V: The Executive Board; and Article IX: Voting Privileges, Sec. II)
 - Executive board officers are limited to serving no more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office. If, however, no one agrees to run for the position, an exception can be made & the officer may be voted in for another term. (Article VIII: Terms of Service, Sec. II)
 - A financial report will be posted on the website monthly rather than be read at each general meeting. (Article X: Finances, Sec. IV)
 - An auditing committee of three (3) shall be appointed by an Executive Board majority vote. After auditing the financial books, the committee shall turn them over to the Treasurer with a signed statement that the books are in order. (Article X: Finances, Sec. XII)
 - Any amendments made to the bylaws would require a four-fifths, rather than two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a general meeting. (Article XII: Amendments of Bylaws, Sec. I)
- The bylaws with these changes were approved by majority vote of members in attendance.
- Bylaws will be posted on the KMPTO website (www.kmpto.weebly.com) after the above changes have been added and any editing is completed.

Executive Board Elections

The motion was made to keep the current interim board as the board for the 2012-2013 school year rather than having elections in the fall as originally proposed at the April 10, 2012 meeting.

KM Open House Booth

- The executive board will contact the KM office to secure booth space at KM's open house on Monday, August 27th, 4:30 to 6pm.
- Volunteers will be needed.

Fundraising

- It was explained that while we do not want the focus of the PTO to be fundraising, funds are needed to run the PTO as well as provide activities & support to KM & it's students.
- It is the executive board's hope that any fundraisers will not simply be to raise money, but also provide a useful service or a fun experience for KM students.

Santa's Secret/Holiday Gift Shop

- It was agreed that the executive board could look further into & work with the KM office to secure dates for a holiday gift shop for KM students.
- Two companies are being reviewed. Both offer a range of gifts children can purchase for a low price, including sport team (our local teams) & military themed items.
- If we'd like, the price of the gift items can be adjusted to provide a fundraising aspect.
- With either company, our PTO will only pay for the merchandise we sell.
- If needed additional merchandise can be over-nighted to our school to keep the holiday store stocked.
- Posters, registers, scanners, & helper's aprons will all be provided.
- One of the two suggested companies does allow us to cancel the date as late as October.

Recycle Night

- A recycle night to tie into KM's science night was proposed, including a recycling fundraiser.
- Chicago Textile Recycling (CTR) is a company that offers clothing drives. KMPTO would make 10 cents per pound (negotiable?) for any donations. (See www.chicagotextilerecycling.com)
- Options are available for the frequency/length of clothing drives. Rather than a year long drive, two short term drives during fall & spring were favored. Earth Day was suggested as a focus for one of the 2 drives.
- If anyone has ideas to add to a recycle night, please contact the PTO board.

Additional fundraisers reposed:

- Shop n share through local stores
- Applebees or Culver nights

KM Partners Orientation

- It was suggested that KM Partner orientations be offered after some KMPTO meetings.
- Dr. Bieneman said she is planning on offering several KM Partner evening orientations next year, but thought it might be better if they are offered on nights without KMPTO meetings to avoid a lengthy night for parents.

School Fliers

- Dr. Bieneman let us know any PTO fliers going out to the students through the school will be at the expense of (copied by) the school.

Soup Labels/ Box Tops

- We have our first chairpersons! Angela Perry & Kristen DePerte have agreed to head up the collecting of soup labels & box tops. They will get back to us in the fall with the particulars of the collection.