

# KMPTO Meeting Minutes 9/16/14

## Executive Board

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

## Next meeting -- November 18

Rebecca Carpenter, parent of KM students & PTO member, passed away on September 9. Becky, an integral part of PTO, was constantly helping out while going through her treatments & fighting her battle with cancer. She chaired Movie Night, the Spring Fling Dance, & Pancake Breakfast & assisted at many other events. She was always thinking of & doing for her children & others – always a giver. Our friend Becky will be missed.

## President – KMPTO accomplishments thus far for 2014-2015

- Purchased insurance for KMPTO (\$318). PTO is not covered by the school's insurance at most events.
- Identified goals for our PTO for the year:
  - Fund in-school field trips or assemblies
  - Continue to raise funds for KM technology
    - About 30 Chromebooks have been purchased & disbursed to classrooms (3 or 4 per classroom).
    - The network to support all the new technology at KM is still being tested.
  - Purchase books for the new book room
    - The book room contains books & resources for all KM staff to use with our children for programs such as guided reading & Daily Five.
    - All non-fiction level readers have been purchased.
- Scheduled most of the activities/events & meetings for the year.
- Researched new fundraising ideas.
  - While we do not want to be a fundraising entity, we need more funds to support our new goals (in-school field trips or assemblies, more technology, etc.).
- Organized event planning to offer tools to chairpersons. Angy is continuing to work on this.
- Identified where volunteers/support is needed for this year:
  - Set-up & clean-up for monthly teacher luncheons
  - Decorate the lobby display cases
    - For the large case, all materials & theme are provided by teachers/students.
    - For the smaller case, items from the school store will be displayed. Students can purchase the items with the Wave tickets they earn. Mr. Adam is keeping a spread sheet with the Wave tickets earned & spent by each student.
  - Chairpersons for each event –
    - Snow Ball Dance (Friday, February 6) – Shauntea Denton & Abisac Serkanic
    - Pancake Breakfast (Saturday, May 2) -- Kim Rossman
    - Landscaping – Chairperson needed

- Dr. Mayer mentioned that Joneen Lannon has a contact to a nursery/landscaper. Now would be the time to plan. Dr. Mayer will seek school board approval for any landscaping.
- For fall, maybe decorate with hay bales, pumpkins & mums.
- Support the school by signing up through Sign Up Genius for various events & activities for both KM & KMPTO.

#### Treasurer – Kim Rossman

- Current balance \$1269.51.
- Previous balance = \$1615.27 (end of fiscal year), less \$15.76 for cups for Field Day, less \$318 for 1 year of liability insurance, less \$12 bank fee.
- Kim is distributing the \$12 bank fee charged to us for changing signers on the account (removing former president & adding new president).
- We will not need to pay for our movie license this year because our current license will expire after our 2<sup>nd</sup> movie night of the year.
- Rather than funeral flowers, \$200 was given to a fund for Rebecca Carpenter's two children.

#### Clothing Drive – Chairperson Dawn Sekulich

- Scheduled for week of Oct. 20. Two large 5'x5' boxes will be delivered to the gym Oct.15 (approved by Dr. Batz).
- An ad will be placed in the Zion-Benton Newspaper.
- Families can drop off donations during Movie Night on Oct. 24.
- Chicago Textile truck will be at KM on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10am-2pm.
- We still have not received the funds for referring CTR to Steven Bigden-Russell's church. Dawn will contact Marlene Ceja at Chicago Textile Recycling.
- Another clothing drive will take place the week of April 27th.

#### Movie Night/ Chili Cook-off – Angy Perry

- Friday, Oct. 24
- Monsters vs. Aliens
  - Post meeting – this movie license is not available. Other options such as Mr. Peabody & Sherman (2014) & How to Train Your Dragon 2 (2014) are being considered.
- Chili Cook-off Contest
- Hotdogs, & snacks will also be available
- Costume Contest
  - Possible categories: scariest, most creative, etc.
  - Dr. Mayer says the restrictions that apply to students' costumes do not apply to costumes worn at PTO functions.

#### In-School Assembly – Chair Person Kristen DePerte

- KMPTO is looking at a program for a KM assembly provided by youth motivational speaker Chris McBrien (magicstoryteller.biz). His interactive programs involve puppetry, magic & lot of humor!

- \$600 for 2 shows: Character Ed for grades K-2 & Team Bully Free for grades 3-5. This was a very reasonable rate compared to other speakers Kristen looked into.
- Possible date: Nov. 20 or 21.
- McBrien can include “Our School Rules” & customize the presentation to include our school’s message. Dr. Mayer said Kimber Cremeans, KM’s new social worker, can help customize it based on KM’s behavior matrix.

Penny (Coin) Wars – Chair Person needed.

- Compete against other elementary schools in our area to get the most coins.
- Each school can choose where to donate their coins at the end of the contest.
- The winner will receive a traveling trophy.
- We’ll need to contact OLH & the elementary schools in our district.

Fundraisers – In general, we’d like to keep the fundraisers simple & hopefully fun or useful. We do not want fundraisers that will be a burden to the KM families.

BoxTops – Kristen Deperte & Angy Perry

- Look at the growth due to the contests started by Kristen & Angy in 2012!
  - 2010-2011 -- \$215
  - 2011-2012 -- \$1300
  - 2012-2013 -- \$2100
  - 2013-2014 -- \$2300
- The goal for this year is \$3000! This will go directly to activities at KM.

Target Red Card –

- 1% of your purchase is given to the school of your choice. You also receive 5% off your purchase & free shipping from Target online. The card can be set up as a credit or debit. Apply for the Red Card through Target & designate KM as your school to help out!

Duct Tape a Staff Member – possible fundraiser

- Dr. Mayer says this is not his thing. We’ll need to find a dunk tank for him!
- Sell strips of tape & to stick a staff member to a wall. Steven Bigden-Russell? Mr. Smole?
- A different take on this would be to do it at Oct. Movie Night & make a staff member into a mummy with the tape or toilet paper.

KidStuff Coupon Books – Chairperson Dawn Sekulich

- Volunteers are scheduled for Sept. 17 & 18 to prepare the coupon books & bags.
- The coupon books will be sent home on Monday, September 22.
- Money & orders for additional books will be due by Friday, Oct. 3.

Little Caesar’s Pizza Kits – possible fundraiser

- \$19 for 3 12” pizzas. Other products on the simple brochure such as cookie dough, breadsticks, & pizza cones.
- A member at the meeting who has done this fundraiser with another organization warned of the delivery problems with this fundraiser. The products are delivered unsorted – volunteers

must sort them into customer orders. The pizza kits are very bulky & difficult for parents to store in the freezer if they have multiple products or orders to take home.

#### Butter Braids – Chairperson needed

- Samples of different flavors of Butter Braids were available at the KMPTO meeting. Everyone enjoyed them!
- \$13 each with a \$5.12 profit on each
- Simple brochure with several flavors to choose from
- Customers prepay to simplify delivery.
- We would have an evening pick-up similar to Market Day.
- Product comes frozen & presorted into customer orders. They are small & rise as they thaw.
- Newport, a small school than KM, sold \$500+.
- Possibly sell before Easter.

#### Spirit Wear – Chairperson needed

- Kristen has looked into the company Win Win Spirit Wear who would help us design the shirts.
- Kim Rossman suggested using American Outfitters. She used them to order our new KMPTO volunteer shirts.
  - They can provide inexpensive shirts for about \$5 or more expensive & elaborate wear.
  - They can also help us design the logo we want.
  - We already have an account with them.
- We would like to have a display of spirit wear samples at the November Parent/Teacher Conferences. Orders & payment would be taken.
- Dr. Mayer suggested we could offer some of the spirit wear as items for the kids to purchase with their Wave tickets!

#### Identifying PTO Volunteers at Events

- We would like to be able to identify PTO members working an event. We'd like to see T-shirts & disposable name tags on volunteers to make them more easily identifiable at events.
- Any member who would like a KMPTO t-shirt can order one for \$7.75 from Kim Rossman.
- At large events, volunteers who do not have a KMPTO t-shirt could wear any royal blue shirt to match ours.

#### New Business:

- Volunteers are needed for K-1 Technology to assist classes with simple computer skills (logging on/off, using a mouse, typing in websites, etc.). Help is needed all year long during the following six class periods: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 9:15 to 10:15 and Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 12:35 to 1:30. If you can assist with any, please contact the KM office if you would like to help.
- School volunteers or KMPTO volunteers? Because KMPTO was required to get liability insurance, we need to distinguish more carefully between KMPTO and KM school events. Since our PTO "members" are made up of any KM family member who wants to help (KMPTO doesn't keep a member roster), this can be a little confusing. Events/activities must be labeled either KMPTO or KM school.

- Memorial for Becky – It was suggested that we make a memorial for Rebecca Carpenter for her tireless giving to our school community & KMPTO.
  - A tree or bench with a plaque was suggested.
  - There was a discussion about whether it was proper to make this memorial for just Becky or if it should be generalized. It was agreed that since it would be from KMPTO, it is okay to dedicate it just to Becky.
- Art Walk – possible fundraiser
  - Dr. Mayer asked if PTO can incorporate student artwork into a fundraiser.
  - Parents can purchase the artwork at an event.
  - PTO could possibly purchase frames to display unpurchased art in the KM halls.

#### Meeting Attendance

Dawn Sekulich

Kristen DePerte

Angela Perry

Kim Rossman

Angie Solita

Dr. Mayer

Steven Bigden-Russell

Kelsi Schroetter

Jenn Walsh

Darrelle Billington

Abisac Serkanic

Shauntea Denton

Suzanne Rivera