



PTO Minutes
Tuesday, September 5, 2023
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

This is the [LINK](#) to the virtual meeting.

I) Treasurer's Report (5 min. or less):

Last month's balance: \$10,495.01

Deposit since last month:

Debits since last month:

Amazon sales :

\$55.84

\$19.49

Current balance: \$10,419.68

II) Past Mark Twain Events/s (5 min.):

Open House Meet the Teacher: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 (Howard, Ellian & Silvi). Well attended.

Auction sheets: (Chris)

Maze Home (my work) - purple water bottle with Mark Twain logo

Hello Tokyo (Asian daiso/dollar store behind Omega) - 5 \$10 gift cards - We'll break these up into two auction items: 1 \$30 and 1 \$20

Starbucks - 7 items total for auction - 6 sets of mugs/bottles paired with 8.8 oz coffee beans and 1 pound of coffee beans

Chasers - 2 \$25 gift cards

Omega - 1 \$25 gift card

Mykonos - 1 \$50 gift card

Tony's Fresh Market - 1 \$20 gift card

Cafe el Tapatio and Churro Parlor - \$40 for restaurant and \$25 for Churro Parlor

Trader Joe's Park Ridge - waiting for approval

Nothing Bundt Cake Skokie - waiting for approval.00

Dialogue about how to distribute these prizes

Suggestions:

To have a silent auction or perhaps buy a raffle ticket to raffle off prizes

The starting bid for silent auction could be half of the retail value

Perhaps some of the prizes could be used as a raffle to generate more PTO memberships

Possibly do a fundraiser at a restaurant

Send out a message on the What's App to explain what the PTO is

Possibly have an in-person meeting

Possibly have a PTO parent night- informational with food and drinks

Back to School Night is going to be canceled

Suggestion was if you join PTO you get in the Fall Frenzy for free if not you pay

III) Future Mark Twain Event/s (20 min.):

PTO Welcome Back to School Night, possibly with new playground ribbon cutting: September 14, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM: This event is being canceled at this time.

-DJ? (last DJ)(needs liability insurance)

-Dessert truck, menu [link](#) with 10% back, three items on the truck (Silvi)

-Pizza (Caruso's)

-Face Painting (Allison)(needs supervision/tattoos)

-Raffle (need specific dates for asking businesses for donations)(Principal or Assistant Principal for the Day) two water bottles from Chris's company,

-Silent auction

-Baskets per team as a donation, perhaps

-Sign up table for PTO membership

-Flier (Silvi will check)

Advertise for having parents to join PTO, but feel that they can participate and not feel that it would be overwhelming. Maybe a FAQ video to parents and add pictures of events (summer email and info. for teachers to add to newsletters), **CheddarUp**: Here is a [link](#) about payment. Here is one more [link](#) for PTOs/PTAs using CheddarUp. (Chris)

CheddarUp - basic membership or Pro

Basic is free

Portal is \$79

There are fees. PTO has to determine if the fee will be taken care of by the payer or the PTO

Chris will check if a SSN is needed

Cheddar Up will be purchased and we will determine who will pay the fees at a later dateSilv

IV) Cereal box tops (5 min. or less): (Monica)

V) Co-Secretary Position Available (30 seconds or less): (Pamela)

VI) Possible Ideas for Future Events (10 min. or less):

Future ideas: New members are encouraged to send any ideas to Pamela, and she will add them to a future agenda.

Fall festival and restaurant fundraisers for Sept. PTO meeting

Could do Fall Festival on blacktop

Fall Festival - October 26

If on blacktop- 4:30- 6:00

If drive-thru could do later

Birthday signs: Parent/s buy a sign and you stick signs from our school. Have to invest in signs. The stakes could wear down. Signs can be bought from a certain vendor.

Pizza Day twice a month was a good idea. License is with Arbor Management, and we also have a wellness policy.

Ice cream fundraiser (Monica)

Culver's Fundraiser: This was done a few years ago, and the teachers worked there

Dunkin' Donuts: Possibly the new store on Dempster

Brunch Cafe: Would they do a fundraiser?

La Michoacana fundraiser?

Possibly buy a screen for outside movies(district will buy the license)(maybe different grade levels)

Abby will look into borrowing her relative's screen

Kahoots: Look into how many kids can play, licensing

Virtual Bingo/Read aloud

Community Walk

Drive by

DJ dance/car parade/games/treats

Movie indoors: tickets to get in, charge for food/beverages, advance sales 300 ppl, for example

Movie outdoors: needs license & screen

SMENCILS - Student Council

Assemblies

VII) WhatsApp (5 min. or less): (Ty, Monica)

Send out a quick Q and A about what PTO is all about

VIII) Letter for State (1 min. or less):

Profit for Annual Report.

Silva will take care of this and send out an email to communicate the progress

We need the 990-EZ form to be done by Silva by November 2023 (Silva)

XI) Laminator Proposal (10 min. or less): Here is the [link](#) to the proposal (Emma Oros)

Ms. Oros worked with GBC- lamination company

A vote was made 8-0 to purchase the laminator

X) Next PTO Meeting: October 4th at 5:30 PM

Purpose statement:

Mark Twain's PTO's mission is to encourage open communication while also fostering a positive partnership between the parents and staff. Our commitment is to enhance and maximize the education of every student while assisting them in achieving their highest potential..

We ask that our Mark Twain parents/guardians volunteer at our events