



**PTO Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**  
**5:30 PM to 6:30 PM**

**Introductions: Welcome everyone.**  
**Dipen Patel is new to our group.**

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

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

**Last month's balance: \$10,419.68**

**Deposit since last month: \$180.00 + \$40.00**

**Debits since last month:**

**Current balance: \$10,639.68**

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

**Have we decided how to auction off these items from:**

**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

**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

**Principal for the Day or Lunch**

**Assistant Principal for the Day or Lunch**

**Lunch with a Teacher**

**Trader Joe's Park Ridge** - I'm waiting to reach back out to them to see if they will donate once we have an event scheduled. They typically donate a bag of their best selling items for the season so we need to have something scheduled before they commit.

**Nothing Bundt Cake Skokie - They approved our request for an auction item and offered to donate additional bundt cakes to pass out at our event, but I need to give them an event date. Maybe for FALL FRENZY.**

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

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.):**

**Fall Frenzy: Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM in the gym**

**Set up starts at 3:00 pm**

**\$5.00/child or \$15 max/family**

**11 folding tables for auction and games.**

**Someone by the door to monitor for fire code.**

**-Chris has (3) games and decorations (bucket toss, spider game toss, knock down ghosts)**

**-Silvi has (2) games (ducks in water, knock the cans**

**-Stop the Zombie can be bought from the Internet**

**-mummy bowling and/or limbo from Target**

**-ghosts and pumpkin game from Walmart**

**-More prizes needed this year. Think about games and prize choices for older kids.**

**-System for lining up students and families**

**-Budget still needs to be decided**

**Thursday, October 12 from 5:15 PM to 6:00 PM:**

**Abby, Monica, Nicole and Silvi can meet.**

**Please let Howard and El know, so they can get maintenance to open doors. You may want to ask for a table too.**

**Scholastic Book Fair: November 6 - November 10, 2023**

We need volunteers for the Scholastic Book Fair. Here is the [link](#) to volunteer for the book fair.

Remember to bring a state identification.

**IV) CheddarUp:** (Chris & Silvi)

Here is a [link](#) about payment. Here is one more [link](#) for PTOs/PTAs using CheddarUp. PTO membership collection was at \$100.00.

CheddarUp - Basic membership (free) or Pro 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

CheddarUp will be purchased and we will determine who will pay the fees at a later date

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

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

**VII) 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.

**Hype Socks Fundraiser:** (Howard)  
School emblem on sock/not at this time

**Believe Kids:** (Silvi) **similar to Charleston Wrap, 40% profit, online, catalog, simple, goes to the homes (Silvi add to Nov. agenda if she's interested in presenting idea)**

**Caruso's, Mc Donald's, Panera restaurant fundraiser maybe in November**

**Domino's Pizza Fundraiser:** (Pamela) Will ask rep for January of 2024 beginning of this fundraiser to reserve two weeks. The card will be \$20.00 and the PTO will make a profit of \$10.00 per card.

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

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Assemblies

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

**IX) 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)**

**X) Laminator Proposal (10 min. or less):** Updates on the laminator. (Emma and/or Silvi)

Waiting for the invoice according to our treasurer

It's coming 10/20/23, training will be provided and location of it will be shared.

**XI) School's Playground:** Updates (Howard & Ellian) Regional Office of Education has to see it and get approved, maybe by next week. Part of it will have a black gate.

**XI) Next PTO Meeting: Monday, November 6, 2023 5:30 PM to 6:30 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**