

PTO Meeting Minutes

February 11th, 2025 | 7pm

Welcome

Introductions were made, and thanks given to everyone who was able to attend. In attendance: Jennie Harrison, Caleb McClure, Ted Wells, Allison Symmes, Maria Kretz, Rachel Trout, Austin Binz, and Jen Daniels.

Approved the January meeting minutes.

Treasurer Report (Maria Kretz)

Maria presented the budget. We had a starting balance of \$8,789.03. A deposit for Box Tops was the only deposit, at \$42 and one withdrawal, a teacher stipend totaled \$100; the current balance as of February 11th, 2025 is \$8,731.03.

Maria moved into a report about Carnations, where the PTO made a \$5 profit, versus last year's \$500 profit; then Jennie gave report about the Carnations; she reported a staff person did give a \$10 donation, making our profit \$15. We had a discussion about doing this again for next year.

Principal's Report (Mr. Wells)

Mr. Wells reported that the winter weather has been affecting the school days, resulting in several virtual learning days. Everyone is looking forward to the warmer spring weather and events. Coming up, we have PSSAs and spring parent-teacher conferences, which we will be looking for feedback from parents on this new initiative.

RIF (Jennie Harrison)

Our next event will be held on February 21st. Discussion about doing a President's Day theme. Volunteers will be needed to help the students pick their book and complete an activity.

Restaurant Fundraiser

Jennie reports a \$400 check from Deliso's was delivered today, noting the success of the fundraiser day.

Box Tops

According to the mobile app, we have currently raised \$60 this school year.

Spring Fundraisers and Balancing Fundraising Efforts

- The PTO discussed the challenges of balancing fundraising efforts and the impact of reduced profits from recent events.
- A possibility of an apparel sale after Math Madness to evaluate fundraising needs was brought up.
- Discussion about the potential for subs and Hershey Park fundraisers, with concerns about not overwhelming the community.
- We explored other fundraising options and the need to find a balance between successful fundraisers and manageable efforts.

Hospitality

Discussion about the possibility of a bingo fundraiser through the Emmittsburg Volunteer Fire Department. Rachael Gibbon explored options, but they only hold the fundraiser events for Catoctin and Mother Seton schools.

PTO noted challenges and logistics of organizing a bingo fundraiser ourselves.

We will need to find alternative fundraising ideas if bingo is not feasible.

Discussion of holding a family movie night as we've done in the past – 3 Monkeys charges \$1000 +tax for an inflatable screen and projector.

Math Madness Planning and Give Butter Setup

- PTO discussed the planning for Math Madness, including a week-long kickoff and starting round one on March 10th.
- We are going to use Give Butter for online donations; we spoke about the potential impact on fundraising goals.
- The Give Butter page and the graphic for the event was shared, highlighting the goals and incentives.
- The trip to the Gettysburg College is slated for March 27th. The college is charging the PTO \$288 to rent their gym (most likely non-refundable if we don't hit our fundraising goal). Discussion about the possibility of using the high school gym if the college gym fee is too high.

Fine Arts Night and T-Shirt Funding

- Miss Nolte made a request for funding T-shirts for Fine Arts Night with a theme of "The Day the Crayons Quit."
- There was a suggestion for adding a request for families to provide T-shirts and using teacher stipends if necessary.

- We moved into a discussion of the potential cost and logistics of purchasing T-shirts for the event.
- The PTO received an update from Crystal, suggesting adding a request for T-shirts to the permission slip.

Meeting Conclusion and Next Steps

- Next meeting date as March 11 and thanks everyone for their participation.
- The meeting concludes with a reminder to check the budget and evaluate fundraising needs after Math Madness.

Announcements

Gift card drawing – winner was Jen Daniels.