

**April 6, 2016**  
**CMS PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order: 1:36 PM**

**In attendance:**

Ken Griest, Heidi Short, Merrie Potter, Angie Sullivan, Kath Uyeda, Murial Lin, Lisa Morgan, Kris Gibbs, Stacy Meheen, Rita Patel

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

March 2016: **All Approved**

**Treasurers Report:** Stacy Meheen: Please see attached reports.

Teacher grants in March were bird seed and fondue pots. Honors lunches were under budget, Chinese New Year came in under budget, climate and culture was also under budget. CMS gave \$5K to the Carmel High School Scholarship Fund, which was trying to raise \$100K for a matching grant. The High School made that matching grant so all is good!

**Officers for 2016/17** Ken would like to put out an email to encourage other parents to participate on the Board. Lisa Morgan and Murial Lin are happy to sign on as co-Presidents, but they are happy to allow someone else to transition in to the program. Maybe we can recruit a River or Tularcitos parent who is coming up ~ someone who is very active. Here are the open positions:

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer (s)**

**Volunteer Coordinator**

**Website**

**MEarth Rep**

**Escript Coordinator**

Goal in May is to have a slate and approve the new Board and a tentative budget for next year. On the website, go to Board, and the job descriptions are on there.

**Principals Report: Chili Dinner** ~ Still looking for volunteers and chili, but confident we will get there. Date is April 21, 2016

End of Year Parties:

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** ~ We do a catered taco truck lunch and bouncy houses for \$15

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** – We have switched from the CV Rec Pool to the San Jose Water Slides, which is a little bit more money, but works better. CV was a pain for the parents ~ they didn't cooperate very well with us, so we went outside to look for something better. This is the first year, so we will re-evaluate once the event is over. The only thing is how we feed the kids ~ should we order pizza and have them eat together? Or have them bring their own lunches. It was decided that the students will bring their own bag lunch, as we do not pay for the 8<sup>th</sup> grader's lunches at Great America.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** ~ We charge \$54 for the kids to go to Great America and they buy their own lunch

There was discussion about whether we should have the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders go to the water slides together. Is that still a treat?

### **Presentation by Jack Glazier: Op Ed**

He presented a slide show to show us what some of the things he does with the monies we give to him. He thanked the PTO for its support. The trips he has taken the kids on are:

**Skyline to the Sea Trail** ~ Saratoga to the ocean. 3-day trip. First trip of the year and the most challenging. This trip sets the tone for the rest of the trips offered throughout the year. It's a great opportunity, and backpacking is a great way to show you how to suffer throughout your life. He's seen the kids improve over their Middle School careers.

Cage ~ 8<sup>th</sup> grade student: "The Skyline trail was really mentally challenging in 6<sup>th</sup> grade." He was able to push through and finished. Now in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, he loved it, and was a leader of the group. Kids gain a lot of confidence in this program.

**Desert Trip in San Diego** ~ Another amazing trip where the kids learn to get to know themselves.

**Ventana Wilderness Alliance trip** ~ 24 miles from Big Sur to Cachagua. The purpose was to challenge them mentally and physically. First day was 12 miles to Pine Ridge. Beautiful. Second day dropped down in to the Big Sur River Valley where it was beautiful. The group packed out abandoned gear and trash they found along the way. They were the youngest and strongest group the leader had ever worked with.

**Yosemite** ~ They go there in May. They'll backpack the Yosemite Falls at night, which is right across from Half Dome. Then they go down the valley and head back up Glacier Point.

### **Ways and Means**

- 1) Mr. Glazier would like \$2,000 to outfit 7 kids with backpacks and other gear. ~ **All Approved**
- 2) Mr. Guzzi ~ Science Olympiad ~ Asking for \$253. This will go towards shirts, and various building materials ~ **All Approved**
- 3) Theatre – The Music Man is the latest production. It was great, but the spotlight needs to be replaced. It's vintage, and makes a lot of noise and is hard to maneuver. Stacy suggested asking the Star Foundation, which is a local non-profit that supports local theatre. Just in case, we are asking CMS for \$1500 to purchase a new spot light. **All Approved**

**Principal's Report:** Met with Dan Paul regarding the Girls Amphitheatre ~ He got an estimate for approximately \$125,000. Question is.. do we want to move forward with this? It's a bigger job than we thought, so will take just over 2-years. They could get going with some of what we have now. Do we still want to do this? Yes ~ All Approved.

**Meeting Adjourned ~ 2:45. Next Meeting May 4, at 1:30 PM.**