

CMS PTO

November 1, 2022

In Attendance: Dan Morgan, Jen Barnes, Sun Shine Hohman, Laura Warren, Adrienne Mitchell, Valerie Ghio, Devon Crews, Kerith Harrison, April Nothhelfer, Shel Lyons, Hayley M., Rosaleen Ryan, Patricia, Randall Frederick, Cynthia Haas

- I. Welcome & PTO Updates
- II. Approval of October 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- III. New Family Committee Update
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Cash for Cougars Fundraiser
- VI. 8th Grade Dance and Brunch
- VII. Principal's Report

Meeting called to order on November 1, 2022 at 8:18am.

- I. Welcome & PTO Updates - Sun Shine Hohman
 - a. The goal for CMS PTO is to support an inclusive environment and to help school, staff, students any way we can financially by helping to raise funds.
 - b. The Cash for Cougars wrapped up with an ice cream party and drawing.
 - c. The CMS PTO provided funds for Kona Ice during Red Ribbon week.
 - d. The Fall dance held last week was funded by the PTO.
 - e. PTO wants to contribute where we can. Some are activities that have been funded annually while others are ad hoc requests to fund additional projects. We've been able to fund all requests submitted to date.
- II. Approval of October 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Adrienne Mitchell moved to approve the minutes
 - b. Valerie Ghio seconded the motion
- III. New Family Committee Update - Laura Warren
 - a. Reach out to Laura if you are new to the community. She is part of the new family outreach.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Adrienne Mitchell
 - a. We are doing well with over \$90,000
 - b. CD balance is \$25,000

- c. Payments this month:
 - i. Kona Ice for Red Ribbon Week - the cost was a little over \$2,000
 - ii. Ice Cream for the Cash for Cougars party - approximate cost was \$700
 - iii. Most of the dance expenses were recouped from the treats and pizza sales.
 - iv. Admission to the Spelling Bee - falls under Academic Competitions that the middle school is involved in.
 - v. We wrote a check for \$200 to SPED Awards run by Hayley Suffolk

- V. Cash for Cougars Update - Valerie Ghio
 - a. We raised approximately \$44,150. Money is still trickling in.
 - b. We ended the drive with an all school celebration that included ice cream for all students and a drawing.
 - c. The CMS PTO will continue to have additional fundraising events throughout the year.
 - i. The event held Thursday, October 6th, at the Crossroads BBQ raised \$225.38.
 - ii. We are holding another on November 2nd, at Chipotle (Del Monte Mall). 33% of the sales between 4-8pm will be donated to the PTO.
 - d. CMS PTO has a presence on Facebook and Instagram. Please follow us to keep updated on events.

- VI. 8th Grade Dance and Brunch - Shel Lyons
 - a. Shel is currently looking for a committee. If interested, please reach out to her at shelyons@gmail.com.
 - b. Adrienne has provided the budget for the events.
 - c. The events will be held at the Habitat; this will allow for more money available for decorations.
 - d. The first meeting will be held in December to vote on a theme.
 - e. If interested in co-chairing, Shel is looking for someone to lead the Brunch.

- VII. Principal's Report – Dan Morgan
 - a. The last day before break, the school got together for a Cash for Cougars Prize Drawing and Rally. It was a fun way to wrap up the fundraiser. It was fun to hear the kids cheer. 150 prizes were given away in one hour. All the kids received ice cream. A new change this year, every student received a drawing ticket. This resulted in some kids that didn't contribute to winning a prize (good thing). Some kids who contributed won multiple prizes.

- b. Red Ribbon Week: All students were given a cup that changes color when it encounters something cold. They filled it with Kona Ice. The message on the cup was about living life drug free. The rest of the week included anti-drug and alcohol themed dress up days.
- c. Halloween Dance: The students voted to have it outside. It provides a fun venue. The DJ, John Upshaw, did a good job. Parent volunteers helped staff the snack bars and photo booth. Feedback was wonderful for the event. 350 out of 500 students attended the dance; which is free admission because the PTO funds the event. The money earned from the sale of the snacks and pizza help offset the cost. There was a slight loss, but overall, very close.
- d. There will be a little lull for the next few months. Teacher requests for funding will be coming up as they find creative opportunities in their curriculum.

VIII. Closing - Sun Shine Hohman

- a. Many parents feel disconnected when transitioning to middle school from elementary school. PTO is the gateway to get involved and feel connected to what is happening at school.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35am