

Sherman PTSA General Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date & Time: March 12, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: In-Person @ the Library; Virtual on Zoom, Link at ShermanPTSA.com

Meeting member notification: Posted on website, school bulletin board, social media and around the building.

Quorum: 10

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Sam Griffin at 6:35pm

Housekeeping:

- Attendees: In-Person and Zoom
- Approval of January 2025 Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Member
 - Second by Member
 - All in support

Standing Order & Upcoming Business

Treasurer's Report

- January 2025 Financial Review: Checking \$89,836.89, Savings \$35,014.75
- Developed a 6 month review
- Anytime we are \$500 over in any budget area we need to vote to approve an update, we will need to do this for the yearbook .

Membership

- 96 members

YMCA Guest

- Site Director for YMAC: Been doing this for over 17 years
- YMCA would like to partner for the Auction to provide childcare during the event.
 - YMCA and Grant this last year- 2 ½ and potty trained, \$30- we can discuss cost
 - Grant had around 50 kids
 - Had a PTSA person there for check in and their PTSA wrote check at end of evening
 - ID for pick up 😊
 - Discussed with Principal Cortez- would do it at Sherman
 - When would the list be needed, ready to get this pushed out ASAP
 - This would support the annual campaign to support access to Y Care
 - 1 in 3 families use Annual Campaign funding
- Shared appreciation for the popcorn, the kids really appreciate it

Past Event Debrief

- Spirit Fridays
 - Inside-Outside day was a bit confusing for some kids
- Coffee with the Principal
 - Had after school to see if it supported participation. Showing was low but rich. Focused on the Sherman environment, discussed opportunities to improve participation in events. Ideas included resources for parents around different development stages, discussed book club- Anxious Generation.
- TK/Kinder Open House
 - It was a full house! Feedback on the event was positive.
- Talent Show 2/7 at 6pm
 - Member who led enjoyed doing it and would like to do it next year!
 - Suggested selling flowers for folks to buy for kids who participated.
- STEAM Fair 2/12 at 4:30pm
 - Working on building back up post COVID
 - Looking to increase participation- will be sending out paper flyers with kids
 - Suggestion: considering the calendar and spreading events out a bit more

Upcoming Events

Auction 3/22 at 5pm

- In 10 days! Tickets \$45, last day to purchase is this Friday 3/14
- Still Need some more deserts and volunteers
- How can we highlight the partnership with the YCare
- Discussed how to communicate out effectively and discussed Roar and opportunities to format areas.
 - Consider: PTSA News Letter
- Jr. Daffodil Parade 4/26

Inclusion and Belonging

- Shared the Draft Equity Lens that the committee developed
- Discussed doing another survey at the end of the year around events for the following year to support Planning with this lens.
- Discussed Vendors lists and opportunities, to have this as a point to discuss in lens- having a preferred vendor List, could PTSA assist with identifying and building relationships with local vendors, be mindful that Amazon-Dollar tree etc.- may be the best option at times.
- For feedback loops consider providing options
- Considering swag/items given out during the event

Theatre Updates

- Theatre volunteer will be speaking at Auction to raise the paddle for performing arts 😊
- Using new venue at Silas- working through communication with a new vendor
- Working to get tickets on sale before spring break
- Theater fee, good participation in paying them.

Principal Updates

- Waivers are due second Monday in April, two waivers are being written - this does not mean the school will do it but provides Sherman the time to explore these options:
 - extended October Conference time to 3 days
 - To increase participation and time slots
 - INCREASE THE TIME for each conference, currently they are only 20 mins this would expand this
 - Support shared goal setting
 - This will have an impact, as it means extra days of early release
 - Suggestion of providing expanded Ycare support.
 - Would doing two full days vs. half days work?
 - This would impact instructional time
 - Are there opportunities for additional support from staff not doing conferences?
 - 2 report cards vs 3
 - Aligns with middle and high school schedules
 - Better alignment with STEAM teaching model
 - Trend of other district elementary schools are moving towards this.
- March 19th- is a national Walk-in to remind elected leaders that we want to protect our students and public schools. What is a walk in- collective action shows the power of the people.
 - Why March 19th elected officials return to their districts to hear from their constituents
 - Staff is asking if PTSA will support to get message out to caregiver community
 - At Sherman what makes sense- to wear red on March 19th, wear walk in at 9am
 - Liz will be taking photos and setting it up

- NEA Website: Has page on social media <https://www.nea.org/march19>

Counselor's Corner

- Wish Tree! Kids are putting in their wishes
- NewsPaper club working on first issue

STEAM Updates

- K: Friendship
- 1st : sound and light
- 2nd: Life Science
- 3rd: Birds and climate change
- 4th: Notable WA folks, WA history, investigation question: WA State Story and how we struggle for freedom and moving to community waters
- 5th: Social studies- Natural resources
- 4/5: Innovation journey field trip to Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI)

Volunteer Opportunities

- Auction: 3/22
- Book Fair: 5/13-5/15 (1-2 volunteers to help with set up, sales, take down, door holder)
- Theatre 5/2-5/4
- Staff Appreciation Week: 5/5-5/9
- Tiger Trot: 5/30
- Carnival: 6/13

Questions! Comments! Feedback!

- May 2nd bike to school- Bike bus!
 - Discussed doing a movie night, outdoors picnic on the field
 - discussed licensing fee
 - Sherman used to do these and they were well attended!
 - Attending community events we can share with Sherman community to attend
- What is the school's policy on bullying? What is the official policy and what is actually happening?
 - Principal Cortez provided overview of schools process

Adjournment 8:31pm