

Summary of the Sherman Elementary PTSA – General Membership Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: October 9, 2024, 6:30 pm

Meeting Location: Sherman Library and virtually by Zoom (link at shermanptsa.com)

Meeting member notification: Posted on website (shermanptsa.com)

Attendance: 20 people present in-person, 2 people present on Zoom

Quorum: Established 17 members present

Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Sam Griffin at 6:35pm

Housekeeping

- Zoom - All will be muted at start of meeting; Raise hand or use chat to speak.
- Member moved to approve the previous meeting minutes (September 2024). Attendee seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Standing Order

Treasurer's Report

- September Financial Update was shared by the Treasurer.
- Financial Review committee established to include three PTSA members, outside of the Board Members
- Account balances: Checking: \$85,348.25/Savings: \$35,013.31

New/Upcoming Business

- Membership update – 80 members
- Follow Up/Reminders
 - Spirit Wear Orders – PTSA does get a percentage of sales. Closed for fall. Orders will open again later in the year. Orders have already been distributed.
 - Edison Eagles \$600 – Used for insurance to have PTO meetings at the school
 - Field Concerns – Safety Committee met on 10/09. Waiting for an update.
 - School Supply Fee \$30 – teachers have a list of who has paid, and will be mentioned at conferences.
- Recent Events to Review:
 - Tea & Tissues – Well attended, new families felt welcomed, there will be more coffee with the principal events throughout the year.
 - National Walk to School Day – At least 160 students in attendance. Kids loved the raffle.
 - STEAM Open House – Went amazing. Teachers put in so much effort. The class with the most completed passports will get an extra recess.
- Upcoming Volunteer Events:
 - Round Table Pizza Takeover 10/16 – See PTSA Website for volunteer links
 - Masquerade Ball 10/25 Candy Donations needed – consider field safety concerns, flood lights?
 - Read-a-thon: 10/28/24-11/15/24
 - Library Reshelving and Recess/Lunch Time

- o Talent Show (January or February?) – Theater will start practices in January. There will be some overlap.
- The Economics Fair is now Sherman Night Market. Taking place on 12/12. Three volunteers will be co-chairing. Video is coming the week of 10/14 to explain the event to families. TK-1st will have a canvas painting event in Makerspace. 2nd-5th grade will be selling goods or services – must have at least 5 pieces. Can work in pairs or alone. There will be a budgeting workshop beforehand. Custom tote bags to hand out to shoppers.
- PTSA Member will be taking the lead on the yearbook this year. There will be a committee of students to design the yearbook themselves with access to disposable cameras. This will be beyond the bell offering later in the year.
- Crosswalk Concerns – 39th and Verde crosswalk is completely faded. Last painted in 1999 or 2000. Sidewalk is not ADA compliant. This is a matter for the city engineering department. Asking PTSA members to submit comments and pictures to bring more attention.
- Inclusion and Belonging – Committee will have their first meeting on 11/04. Childcare offered at PTSA meetings starting at this meeting.
- Vice President succession plan – current VP is moving away. WAPTA bylaws state that only the President, treasurer and secretary are required. Sherman PTSA bylaws say there needs to be a VP too. Proposing to make a motion to align Sherman PTSA rules with WAPTA for the remainder of the year and have no VP. Motioned by Member. Seconded by Member. Approved unanimously.
- Principal update
 - o 5th graders at camp now with 100% attendance and 19 parent volunteers.
 - o Picture retakes are 10/29.
- Counselor update
 - o Learning about “the size of the problem” and other tools to stay calm.
 - o Students made their “inner coach” with clothes pins and positive self-talk
 - o 5th graders can apply to be peace makers.
 - o Partnership with St Lukes to collect clothes for when accidents happen at school. They also helped with picture day. The church will be stocking the little free library in front of the school as a food pantry this year.
 - o There have been no student led club ideas yet this year.
- Upcoming Events:
 - o Auction Interest Meeting 10/15 at 6:30pm
 - o Round Table Takeover 10/16
 - o Masquerade and Trunk or Treat 10/25 6-8pm
 - o Read-a-thon 10/28-11/15
 - o Theater will run Jan-Early May. Auditions before Thanksgiving break. The play will be High School Musical Jr. Participants are 3rd grade and up. All who audition will be included.

7:45 pm meeting adjourned.

The next general membership meeting is scheduled for November 13th, 6:30pm

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