

Sherman Elementary PTSA General Meeting
12/11/2018

Called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Introductions made around the room

November 2018 meeting minutes approved

Keurig machine donated to PTSA, will be provided for meetings, bring your own mug and K cup.

Round Table Takeover 12/12 from 5:00-8:00

Holiday Shoppe, Tera Stocker: Starts Monday, 12/17; open house Monday night; need volunteers, maybe 4th and 5th graders can help; portion of proceeds goes to charity and volunteers will get to vote on which one/ones; on Signup Genius

Teacher Appreciation, Dani Kessler: Michelle Trent and Michelle Levey have chaired it in the past and are happy to speak with whoever is interested in taking it over; you can put your own spin on it; it's always easy to find families willing to donate food.; reach out to anyone on the board if interested.

Tie-Dye, Dani Kessler: Need help sizing the shirts and placing an order with T-Town, put together the dye kits for volunteers to take home; need someone to chair; we have one volunteer but need a couple more.

Treasurer Report, Wren Nettle Buck:

- November was busy
- Sara Green did a great job organizing vendor fair, revenue was less than estimated, maybe ask glee club to perform later next year
- Fundraisers are starting a little later than normal; Read-a-thon will be coming up soon and auction will produce income
- 50 new iPads were purchased
- Need to get the midyear financial review committee formed, needs to be 3 members and you can't do it more than twice; Thank you Dave, Lampkin and Samara Karejwa volunteered; documents should be ready late January or early February

Principal Tsuneishi Update:

- Coffee with Principal coming up
- Tomorrow is 4th Grade PBL; all other grades on Thursday; it's the first PBL night of the year
- Report cards coming out with reminder of uniform policy
- Students have been being dropped off around 8:00 with no staff to supervise; can arrive at 8:30.
- Fix-It Fair at downtown library, tables will be set up for you to bring items that need to be repaired
- Appreciate the National Geographic support and field trip support which are essential to PBL
- ASB has started up and the speeches given by candidates were great, on topic, and kind; 3 ASB officers came to Anne about wanting to have first dress-up day on the last day before winter break and decided on winter wonderland theme
- Singalong and ROAR on 12/21; Ms. Mocerri chose songs for all to sing and maybe Mr. Chan

will play piano.

Please check the lost and found because everything not claimed before break will be donated except for uniform clothing and items with names written in them.

We have had a small contingent of very dedicated parents that have chaired events and a lot of them are no longer able to chair; trying to get the word out about volunteering at events; Sherman PTSA supports so many events and can't continue all of them if people don't start helping out; will need to readjust the calendar and events; please invite people to come to the meetings, Coffee with Principal, ask questions and hear more about what events need chairs; we are going through a transition with volunteers leaving due to children starting middle school soon and looking for new Sherman families to help out

Vendor Fair: Went really well; thank you to shoppers and vendors; vendors were pleased with it.

Movie night was last Friday and was well attended, Incredibles 2; concessions were popular; would love to welcome more parents to help with planning so let Lindsay Belcher and Alana Hentges know if if you'd like to help; bookmarks were used as the flyer for it which worked out great.

Request from Ms. Ginger for the penmanship after-school program: Hands are getting tired; looking for stress balls; maybe a local business has some as giveaways; maybe make some homemade ones; no, that makes a big mess if they break open. Do they want card donations and stationary?

Spirit Wear: Want to get it sold so we aren't storing it; hoodies and zip-ups are \$17.50 and long sleeves, \$12.50; trying to cover the cost on them, no profit.

Read-a-thon: Heard feedback and we have made a few changes to it; starts next Monday and will run through 1/7/19; the majority of it is while on break which means less work for teachers to help with recording and will hopefully encourage the kids to read and ask family that they see for pledges; Waiting for flyers and they should go out on the 1/17; added the option for cash and check donations and will still have online sponsorship; prizes will be for the most money raised at each grade level, most minutes read lower and upper grades; 100 minutes read get a small prize; everyone gets bookmark from Little Caesars Pizza for crazy bread.

Mindfulness classes: Looking at last year's program or a new program; there will be a cost but hope to keep it low; hoping to expand to educational movies; Screenagers and Angst were the top 2 choices; would have to pay for the movie upfront and take suggested donation and hopefully recuperate the money and roll it over to a second movie screening; \$650 for Screenagers; maybe screen it at Foss or Sherman and partner with another school; what if we host it and invite whoever wants to come and take suggested donations; motion made to fund it and was seconded and approved; need a volunteer to get the word out and invite Mason and Truman families.

Auction update, Tera Stocker: Kalina Miller is the cochair for upcoming auction but she is a 5th grade parent and we need to find a lower grade parent to help facilitate so they can take over next year; starting procurement and forms will come out right after break; need wine but it can't be brought into the school; sponsorships for tables; hope to sell at least 200 tickets; possible January mixer to get some new people involved; we have a great team but need new help, especially with graphic design; look for info about mixer to come soon.

Upcoming events: Giving Tree and Homeless Heroes run through the end of the week and the barrel is getting full of winter clothes; Round Table Takeover 12/12; Coffee with Principal 1/4 /19.

Principal Tsuneishi: Superintendent was in Makerspace being interviewed, went to Jason Lee and SAMI and to Sherman; Ms. Boyd's class was in there and they were carving linoleum; some students were building bridges, ORT Team was interviewed; coming back Friday to interview them more; Sherman applied for \$15,000 grant and got it for innovation and will use some of it to supplement para hours and some to STEAM team for professional development.

Box Tops: Did we decide what to do with them? Collected 4,000 of them and sent them to Manitou.

When is Steam Fair? Don't know yet.

Someone from the district coming out about the beach habitat and it is still being worked on; plans have been submitted; students have approached Mr. Stanley about gaga ball court; the concern is it may become maintenance issue for the district; facilities department might be in flux due to staffing changes.

A Sherman parent was at her book club and Sherman came up and was praised; new Sherman families don't realize that a lot of schools don't have as many events and the type of support that Sherman gets from PTSA. We may have to cancel some events if we don't get volunteers for them. Maybe send a flyer out listing everything that has been funded and supported by the PTSA?

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jamie Casey