

CME PTA December 9, 2014 Planning Meeting Minutes

Submitted on 12-10-14 by: Angela Lee / Tricia Morack

Attendees: Tricia Morack, Donna Wyly, Cheri Willis, Tammy Miller, Jennifer Kanak, Tara Stark, Carla Smith, Tina White, Greg Johnson, Katie Henry, Ann Billings, Angela Lee

- The December edition of the newsletter was released the first week in December. Tricia will be send out a notification if we are having a January newsletter.
- Thank you cards from students and staff were shared. They expressed their thanks for the fall parties, easels that were purchased, and money for classrooms.
- According to the Treasurer's Report, we are right on track. Currently, we have brought in over \$40,000, while our projection is around \$59,000. With our Bingo night, we brought in \$346 and had \$100 in expenses. Concerning our Art Auctions, so far we have brought in around \$1725, with projections of making \$5000 by the end of the year.
- With our membership, we currently have 391 members and 25 business members. No new memberships this month.
- This month we had 3 new donations for our Fundraising efforts with the Annual Fund. Our percentage of families participating still stands at 63% of our school population.
- In January, we need 5 members to serve as a Nominating Committee for new board members.
- Volunteers can log their volunteer hours via the volunteer tab on the CME PTA website.
- The Art Auctions are going well.
- Bingo Night was a success. We profited around \$250.
- All student projects advancing to state we displayed at the district showcase and are now in the process of being sent via electronic submission to MO PTA (they extended the deadline). CME Reflections Project celebration is currently set for February 10. Donuts will be served to all Reflection Project contestants.
- The recent Fall Party went well. Stayed within budget!
- Next year's Santa Breakfast, we are looking into reserving Chris Cakes to make pancakes for this event. It has been suggested not to reuse Big Biscuit due to cost issues/communication we ran into this year. We did not make a profit on the breakfast this year – discussion of electronic flyer distribution only for this event may have attributed to decrease in attendance. It was suggested to look into using an electronic RSVP system, such as Survey Monkey, in the future to help with RSVP returns. Approximately \$130 was received through the muffin donation sales which will be used to purchase outstanding items needed for the Angel Tree Program. The board discussed adding a designated fund line item on the budget for future years to house excess funds, if any, from year to year to serve as a "Angel Tree Savings." The board voted and approved \$200 as a spending item to help with this year's Angel Tree program, if needed. This spending item will be presented to the unit at the next unit meeting.
- In the Buy One Get One Free Book Fair held in conjunction with the Santa Breakfast, we had \$1500 in sales (\$3,000 in merchandise) and made approximately \$60 in the All for Books drive.
- All Angel Tree donations are requested to be turned in by Friday, December 12th or Monday, December 15th by the latest. This will give the committee an opportunity to assemble to distribute to families before Christmas break.

- DARE Graduation for 5th graders is scheduled for January 9 at 1:45.
- The 5th Graders are having a Recognition Fundraiser at Plowboys on January 14th from 5-8. The Recognition Committee is still in need of a Committee chair to help organize the Recognition for 5th graders in May.
- Family Fitness night is scheduled for January 15. Since there is no one to chair this event, the event may be rescheduled or cancelled.
- Family Movie Night is scheduled for January 23.
- Pastries will Parents is scheduled for February 5 and 6. PTA is in need of parents to help with this committee.
- Information about the Al Michelson and Floyd Dunaway CME scholarships was released. High schools are accepting student applications. The scholarship committee will review candidates and select recipients in March.
- Reader Feeder Holiday Gift Certificate sales end on Friday, December 12th.
- Tricia proposed to the board a spending item for framing the Mason D. Cougar Trading Cards to present to the school for the display case. The board approved \$150.00, upon receiving unit approval at the next unit meeting.
- Mr. Johnson shared information on the on-going learning with the student's Cougar Technology. He expressed the teacher and staff gratitude for the discretionary checks and winter classroom party checks. He also shared information regarding Job One which is a local opportunity that employs BS graduated students with disabilities. The business offers jobs such as collation, stuffing, etc. and asked that they be kept in mind for possible opportunities. The first day of school for the 2015-2016 school year is August 19h.