

# Elm School PTO General Meeting

Date and time: 9/11/13  
Location: Elm School Faculty Break Room  
Host: Erin Doppke  
Attendees: Erin Doppke, Sheri Shaker, Sondra Fowler, Ann Marie Ward, Jeana Considine, Cate Cook, Ivona Rocque, Terri Miller, Nadine Gilbert, Maddie Schaik, Cindy Short, Christina Coate, Trista Negele, Bhavani Ravi, Anisa Weisberg, Andrea Tomei, Hala Abu-Ghazalah

Called to Order at 1:45 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Report of Officers, Principal and Faculty

## **President Erin Doppke ([erin@doppke.com](mailto:erin@doppke.com), 630-234-8498)**

- Thank you to all that worked so hard over the summer to make the first few weeks of school a success.
- All Committee positions are filled except for Nominating Committee so if interested let Erin know.
- All documents relating to the PTO are on [elmschoolptodocs@gmail.com](mailto:elmschoolptodocs@gmail.com), password elmschoolptodocs, in the Drive area ( since anyone can change them, know that these are not considered official copies of our budget or bylaws)
- Last week went to the Presidents meeting met with all the 181 presidents.

## **President-Elect**

## **Catherine Dietrich**

- Has created a new committee for Communications. Catherine has partnered up with Ashley Rowe (media) and Christina Coate (website).
- Ashley's role goes beyond PTO business she will be an avenue for teachers to share opportunities for newspapers to feature things happening in our school.
- We want to find ways to improve communication between the PTO, parents, teachers, and our community through various channels available to us.
- We have already created the new website.
- We want to become a channel for the PTO committee chairs and officers to information out on the new PTO website, and potentially Facebook, and with the media through Ashley.
- Committee heads need to turn in dates of upcoming events.
- In the next meeting they will provide an update as to how many committees they have heard or met with.

## **VP Ways & Means**

## **Dawn Wood**

- Getting ready for the Rummage Sale 9/21 9am-2pm; drop off Thurs 9/19 1-2:45 and 3:15-7:00.
- Parents night out – Guest Bartender : Cine is set for 7-10 Wed. 10/9.
- Keep collecting your Box Tops first collection contest will be next month.
- Get linked to Dominicks, and Target red card easy way to make money for our school.

## **VP Programs**

## **Cate Cook and Lori Brackett**

Have schedule put together. Will share at next meeting.

**VP Volunteers**

**Ivona Rocque**

- Signupgenius is up and more volunteers are using it so far so good.
- Erin asked all committee heads to please reach out to all volunteers. If you can't find anything for them to do, let her know.

**Treasurers**

**Trista Negele and Bhavani Ravi**

- PTO does not reimburse taxes. Use the Tax Exempt form, which is available on the elmschoolptodocs Drive.
- PTO donations are still coming along with special lunch checks. After all those have been deposited we will have a report next meeting.

**Secretaries**

**Sheri Shaker and Diane Ray**

No report.

**Principal**

**Jeana Considine**

- Communication plan- all grades to have a working website, and teachers are committed to sending emails or newsletters once a week letting parents know what is going on in the classroom.

**Faculty**

**Jill Berry**

- Stay tuned for two visiting authors next month.

**Committee Reports**

**Family Fun**

**Terri Miller**

- Ice Cream social was a success.

**Junior Achievement (NEW) Tejal Mehta**

- Program which will be coming to classrooms K-3
- Need parents onboard to run the sessions to make it work
- Tejal will be recruiting parents in the affected grades
- Volunteers will be trained

**Welcome Coffee**

**Stacy Kinnas**

- Stacey submitted a report-went very well.

**Room Parents**

**Christina Coate**

- Please look at signup sheets.

**Yearbook**

**Sarah Martinath and Monica Sehgal**

- Needs pictures from any school event so please send in if you have some.
- Look for pictures from coming home soon.

**Old Business**

No report

**New Business**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Teacher presentation: Monthly Themes for the year with all grades.
- Common themes (routines), (community roles), (bully prevention) all tied to state

- standards.
- Mr. Haeger was asking for permission to allow a donor to donate money to the PTO for the purpose of purchasing the eSpark program for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade iPads.
  - (Erin Doppke) made the motion, we had some questions and discussion, and got a second motion from (Trista Negele).
  - Conducted a voice vote, and the motion was carried.

### Adjourned at 2:55 pm

Notes submitted this 13th of September by Sheri Shaker ([sherishaker@comcast.net](mailto:sherishaker@comcast.net)), Secretary.