

# Elm School PTO General Meeting

Date and time: 2/12/14  
Location: Elm School Faculty Break Room  
Host: Erin Doppke  
Attendees: Erin Doppke, Trista Negele, Anissa Weisberg, Deb Koubec, Dana Widrig, Catherine Dietrich, Sheri Shaker, Diane Ray

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## Called to Order at 1:50

## Welcome and Introductions

## Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes made by Erin Doppke, seconded by Debbie Kloubec.

## Report of Officers, Principal and Faculty

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

- Attended the PTO President's meeting discussed Heartcourt's new books, and online activities.
- Also new for next year the PTO will not be funding field trips the parents will be charged a fee of \$35.00 at the beginning of the school year this will free up money for technology.
- We are going to have a buddy bench a bench we already have and put a sign on it, and kids can go and sit and join others when it is during recreation time.

### **President-Elect** **Catherine Dietrich**

- Nominating Committee/VP Positions have been coordinated, and proposing some changes for next year.
- Start thinking about next year, and talking to others about getting involved in the PTO.

### **VP Ways & Means** **Dawn Wood**

- Box Top collections have ended, and planning some restaurant nights so come to Chick-Fil-A night next month.
- We are doing a plant sale through Cathy Dietrich husband's company Proven Winners which is going to offer annuals, grasses, perennials, and shrubs for sale at a discounted price.
- Order forms along with a gardeners idea book will be sent home to see what your ordering, and Fifty percent of profit goes to Elm.
- You can still online order Stella and Dot through Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Kelly Milne says donations are coming for the comedy night fund raiser, but are hoping for more so please if you have any donations or questions contact Kelly Milne or Stephanie Short.

### **VP Programs** **Cate Cook and Lori Brackett**

No report.

### **VP Volunteers** **Ivona Rocque**

No report.

### **Treasurers** **Trista Negele and Bhavani Ravi**

- Trista went over the PTO budget, and where monies are being allocated.
- Anyone who needs reimbursed has to fill out their form, and give to Trista.
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### **Secretaries** **Sheri Shaker and Diane Ray**

No report.

### **Principal** **Jeana Considine**

- Met with Eric Danley, the IT person for the district, to learn what can be done and the expenses involved.
- The District does not support spending money on 1:1 technology for use in the classroom, and other PTO's from other schools in the district are making up the difference. We feel we need to do the same, within the scope of our budget. next month.

- We will need a total of \$35,500.00 for new Ipads, covers, and cords for the fifth grade classes.
- The other still working Ipads will be distributed amongst the younger classrooms.
- Since we have the money already in our budget we decided to take the vote now rather than wait until next month.
- Motion passed to spend \$35,500.00 from our PTO funds for the new Ipads by Trista Negele, seconded Anissa Weisberg.
- Carried by the rest of the board, and everyone is very excited this investment in technology will be made.

**Faculty**  
No report.

**Jill Berry**

## Committee Reports

**Artsonia**  
No report.

**Joy Witt**

**Chess Club**

**Terri Miller**

- Numbers are up, doing well

**Family Fun**

**Terri Miller**

- Event coming up Feb21st 5-7pm. Please sign up to help on the SUG. Bring games you love and share with others! It's for the Elm community!

**Junior Great books**

**Stacy Kinnas**

- Great Books is underway for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. There were no volunteers to lead the other levels. There are 23 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who are participating!

**Science Expo**

**Sue & Ross Sproveri**

- Awesome event! Getting bigger every year!

**Special Lunch**

**Nadine Gilbert, Gonzalo Montoya, & Monica Guttmann**

- Going smoothly, but please if you sign up to help then come in, and if you can't please take your name off the SUG.
- 227 participants this year!

**Spiritwear**

**Carla Cooper and Monique Thanos**

- Still have some Spiritwear left so you can contact Carla for details.

**Teacher Appreciation**

**Sondra Fowler and Ann Marie Ward**

- We provided treats for HMS and CHMS teachers during the half and half week.

**Yearbook**

**Sarah Martinath and Monica Sehgal**

## Old Business

## New Business

- Still No school on Monday President's Day, but there is school on Tuesday which is a makeup snow day

## Adjourned at 2:56

Notes submitted this 12th of February by Sheri Shaker ([sherishaker@comcast.net](mailto:sherishaker@comcast.net)).