

Elm School PTO General Meeting

Date and time: 11/13/13, 1:45-3
Location: Elm School Faculty Lounge
Host: Erin Doppke; Lori Brackett (filled-in)
Attendees: See attached Attendance Sheet

1. Called to Order at (time) 1:53pm

2. Welcome and Introductions

Each person introduce herself—along with how many kids and one secret/hobby
Lori Brackett resided over meeting due to an emergency of the President

3. Approval of Minutes

- Approve the minutes from the previous meeting (motion, second, carried)
Lori B, S Fowler
- Motion that we consider the meeting minutes that are sent out with the Bowser notes to be sufficient notice of the minutes, and that we do not need to present printed copies at future meetings.

4. Report of Officers, Principal and Faculty

President Erin Doppke (erin@doppke.com, 630-234-8498)

- PTO Presidents' Meeting highlights—communications presentation

President-Elect Catherine Dietrich

She & Dawn W had attended a meeting earlier about Booster-Athon. An executive meeting is scheduled for Saturday 11-16-2013 at Catherine D to discuss and confirm a vote on Boosterthon

VP Ways & Means Dawn Wood

- Accomplishments so far
- Halloween box-tops \$350.00. Dinner Meatheads 11-25-2013 fundraiser
- Evening fundraiser
 - Date will be 3/22/14
 - Volunteers

VP Programs Cate Cook and Lori Brackett

Magician for Halloween was great!

VP Volunteers Ivona Rocque

Treasurers Trista Negele and Bhavani Ravi

- An excellent breakdown of finances in and out of the PTO. A vote was requested by Trista N to increase funding for Landscaping. A motion 1st Lori B, 2nd Debbie K was accepted upon the attendees.

Secretaries Sheri Shaker and Diane Ray

Principal Jeana Considine

- Title One
Ms. Considine attended d181 meeting on Achievement Goal (Common Core) & Growth Goal (ISAT & MAP Score). Teams/teachers are in data strategy mode of instruction for a variety of sources in providing assistance with each child by use of goal setting and flexible groups.

Faculty Jill Berry

Mrs. Berry thanked the PTO for funding 2 author visits, and reminded parents to use the school website to access any information about their children's classes. She noted that she used a PTO donation of \$350 to purchase 40 books.

5. Guest Visit: n/a

6. Committee Reports

Community Service Maddie Schaik

Rotary Run. The breakdown of school participation follows (Elm had 7 families register):

The Lane School	74
Hinsdale Middle School	53
Oak School	37
Madison School	23

Prospect School	19
Clarendon Hills Middle School	16
Hinsdale Central High School	13
Monroe School	9
Elm School	7
Walker School	2
St. Isaac Jogues	1

Operation Support Our Troops service project - 5th Grade:

5th Graders decorated pillowcases and collected food items to donate to OSOT – Operation Support our Troops - located in Lisle. Betty Krupp from OSOT visited and gave a brief presentation to the 5th graders at Elm on Friday, November 1st. Pillowcases were displayed during the Veterans Day celebration on Friday, November 8th. I will deliver food items and the pillowcases to OSOT this weekend. OSOT will mail the pillowcases and food items to US Troops stationed in Afghanistan. We will tally the items collected to have on file as a reference; we'll share those numbers in next month's report. A big thank you to those room parents who volunteered at both events.

OSOT is a great organization; they send a large number of packages to Afghanistan monthly. Please keep them in mind throughout the year. I volunteer at OSOT and they are always looking for volunteers and food donations. Also, if your family is looking for college application volunteer hours for your future college student, this a great place for middle and high school students to volunteer; my two teenagers volunteer at OSOT.

Community Service project currently in progress: Thanksgiving Drive – 4th Grade:

Flyers and Brown Bags went home last week. Kramer's donated the 300 bags and Jewel donated 15 large boxes. I will write a thank you letter to both stores (for Erin and Ms. Considine to sign). We will also tally the food items donated to keep on file before I deliver the items to HCS.

FYI...HCS is still in need of Turkeys; I'm donating a few turkeys on behalf of my family. Please keep them in mind and consider donating before Thanksgiving. HCS is located in Hinsdale and supports families in our area. This is also a good place for teenagers to volunteer, especially during the holidays.

December/last Community Service Project for 2013: Toys for Tots – 1st Grade:

We will start working and organizing Toys for Tots next week. Collection will begin December 2nd.

Spirit wear

Carla Cooper and Monique Thanos

7. Old Business

Sarah M, please place all orders for yearbook, \$22 by Friday 11-15-2013. The price will increase to \$30.00

8. New Business

Lori Brackett has read books on reality of life that may be of helpful calmness with the holiday coming. God Never Blink & Be the Miracle both by Regina Brett. Currently reading, The Thing You Think You Cannot Do by Gordon Livingston.

9. Adjourned at (time) 3:05pm