

## Elliott Ranch PTO Meeting 11/3/23

Meeting called to order by the president at 6:04pm

### Secretary

- October minutes posted online
  - Recommend approving October minutes
  - Seconded
  - Pass unanimous

### Treasurer

- Budget updates
  - Rocket Run funds so far at \$12,735
    - Final amount to be determined
  - Harvest Festival funds so far at \$6,176
    - Expenses approximately \$2,117
    - Approximately \$3,000 will go back to teachers
  - Elliott Ranch Merchandise
    - Made \$350 brandee check for merchandise sales, did completely
    - Carried out by office staff
    - Recommend \$350 be added to Staff Morale budget line, raising it from \$2,000 to \$2,350
      - Seconded
      - Pass unanimous
  - TCSP still coming in, funds change to reflect reimbursements
  - Dine and Donate at Chuck E Cheese earned \$530
    - Will do Chuck E Cheese again throughout the year

### Principal Update

- Fun Run today
  - Happy to have APEX back
- Minimum day 12:25 dismissal
  - Tomorrow Friday 11/4
  - 11/13-17 for conferences; four day week
- New coach for girl and boys basketball
- Elliott Ranch rocket drone picture
  - Teacher and a paraeducator organize
    - Paraeducator certified drone flier,
    - Need to design and plan rocket on the playground
    - Need colored shirts for students

## Harvest Festival Chair

- Set up
  - Difficult, need more volunteers
    - 20 before and 20 after
  - Better with the event in the parking lot, safer
  - 20 trunks last year, this year 27
- Stage
  - Bought for event, need to store
    - Principal might be able to get storage
    - Might still be in school
- Music by Volunteer
  - Next year need to figure out how to get music everywhere
  - Kids really enjoyed dancing on stage
- Paper divider between Trunk-or-Treat and the rest
  - All paper donated by printer that can't use end of rolls
  - EXL helped with decorating banners
- Book Fair in Multi Purpose Room
  - More room
  - Used tables with Art Docent covers and student art
- Food
  - Next year use easy ups to make food obvious
  - Issues with line, maybe use tape on ground
  - Food Chair noticed wasn't selling so took a cart of water and pie to people sitting around
- Issues:
  - Membership drive gave away Harvest Festival packages
    - Can't track how many people there
      - Next year make the membership level higher for that package
      - Next year maybe use tally counter to gauge attendance
    - Affects the money earned from Harvest Festival
      - Approximately \$3,000 in tickets and wristbands given away
      - Because of all the give away and tickets to teacher booth, only making \$1000
      - Next year take the money value of the package and reassign to Harvest Festival
  - Cakewalk got turned into bake sale
  - Musical chairs turned into nightmare
    - Just sold the prizes
    - Maybe next year have a screen for dancing activity
    - Maybe next year do PTO glow booth

## Donuts with Santa Chair

- Friday 12/8 7:20-8:00 am

- Toy drive for Toys for Tots
- Set up
  - Stage with tree, rocking chair for Santa and presents
  - Two lines:
    - One for toy donation straight to Santa
    - One for photo areas going to Santa
- Volunteers
  - Mrs VanHousen play Mrs Claus
  - Santa return from last year, does music too
  - Need more parent volunteers
    - 20 people
    - Use Sign Up Genie
    - Shifts: 7:00-7:45 and 7:45-8:30
    - Assign specific jobs
      - Who pick up donuts, who take pictures, etc
- Supplies
  - Orange juice and apple juice
    - used all up last year and get more
  - 48 dozen and seven boxes left over
    - Gave one to office, two to staff, two to fire and police, one to janitorial
    - This year get 50 dozen
    - Krispy Kreme might donate
      - Chair look into several donut shops

#### Yearbook Chair

- Covers to vote on
- Diana added section to PTO webpage for yearbook help
  - Get parents to sign up for classes, sports, clubs, etc
  - Especially need pictures of events
    - Need to make shared album for events
      - Google photos
      - Dropbox
      - Google drive connected to Jostens yearbook site

#### President

- Dine and Donate
  - Chuck E Cheese again Friday 11/24
  - Jack's Urban Eats Monday 11/13 from 4-8pm
- Rocket Run
  - So far PTO made approximately \$15,000
    - Last year made approximately \$14,000
  - \$32,570 is the total raised so far
    - Half goes to APEX

- Still need to give a percentage to teachers
- Happy to have APEX back
  - High energy, A-Train seasoned fundraiser
  - Communication is a little more difficult with apex
- Small yard shade structure
  - Same options, similar prices as last year
  - Talked to Elk Grove District about how to advocate
    - Who to go to in the district, write grants, match funds, etc.
  - Maybe get support from community businesses
- New Songs/The Music Bus
  - Music program for Kinder through 2nd grade
    - 35 minute lesson in the classroom once a week
    - Grade 3 has recorders
    - Grade 4-6 already have optional band
      - Older grades may not have time for music
  - \$6,000 for Kinder-2nd grade to do music every week until the end of year,
    - \$250 to add grade 4
    - President to look into cost for more grades
    - President to look into interest in music for higher grades
  - Motion to allocate \$10,000 for New Songs/The Music Bus for Kinder through Grade 2, with possible lessons for Grades 3-6
    - Seconded
    - Pass unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm