

Asante PTO

Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2020

Attendees

Parents: Lisa Walk (President), Kristen Moore (Vice President), Joi Carrillo (Treasurer), Roxan Alexander-Arntson (Secretary), Marcy Gallegos (Member at Large), Katrina Gonzales (Membership Chair)

Teachers/Administration/Staff: Emily Dean (Principal), Jenn Evans (Dean of Students), Trish Borgesen (teacher), Fran Castillo (teacher), Noelle Downs (teacher), Rachel Plitzuweit (teacher), Je'Re Riggs (teacher), Jean Vogel (teacher)

Welcome

Welcome to the new school year and to the new PTO!

President's Report (Lisa)

Virtual Scholastic Bookfair will be held from Friday, October 10th through Thursday, October 15th. More details will be posted on our website and our social media. The proceeds will not be in cash, but instead we will earn Scholastic Dollars. These can be used for classroom needs. Joi placed an order for our existing Scholastic Dollars requested by teachers.

We will host another Pampered Chef Online Fundraiser from October 25th through 30th (just in time for holiday gifts!) Purchase kitchen items to pamper the chefs in your life... and pamper the PTO as well! A portion of the proceeds from each order comes back to the Asante PTO!

We will hold an **Online Silent Auction** in early November. We have several gift certificates donated by various local companies that will be expiring this year, so we need to make sure they are used by their deadlines. Look for more details on our social media pages and website: www.asantepto.org.

Principal's Report (Emily Dean)

All grade levels have resumed in-person classes.

New Zoom Homework Helpline starting next week.

Join us for a new virtual opportunity: Story Time with Mrs. Dean! Every Tuesday night, at 6:30pm on Zoom, Mrs. Dean will read a story designed for Kindergarten – 2nd graders. At 7:00,

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Mrs. Dean will read another story aimed at 3rd-5th grade. The Story Time will be held weekly, and it will follow the PTO meeting (on the 3rd Tuesday of every month)!

Parent-Teacher Conferences are two weeks away. They will be held the week of October 5. Teachers will send out more information.

Our Fall Break is Monday, October 12 – Friday, October 16th.

Shout out apology to PTO. Food FUNdraiser auto-dialer encouraging people to attend the Chipotle Night did not send. There were technical difficulties. Another auto-dialer is scheduled for next week's Pizza Hut Night!

Vice President's Report (Kristen)

Since our last meeting, we've had 7 new donations:

- Polar Ice
- WinCo
- Portillo's
- Raising Cane's
- Bearizona
- Chipotle
- Arizona on the Rocks

We are considering using Google Forms for the Online Silent Auction, as many official websites charge a fee per online transaction.

Kelly Spear volunteered to head the Box Top Committee. Thank you, Kelly!

If you would like to help with finding new grants and/or grant-writing, contact Kristen.

Treasurer's Report (Lisa on half of Joi)

At the start of the month, our balance was \$1,769.33.

Deposits for this month:

- \$85.14 (membership & web sales)

Expenses for this month:

- \$370 Annual Liability

Ending cash balance is \$1487.44.

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Secretary's Report (Roxan)

We have been busy adding restaurant nights to our 2020-2021 calendar (see attached). It has been challenging as many restaurants are no longer participating in donations due to COVID-19. However, we have several restaurants scheduled, and we are excited to partner with both some of our "old" partners from last year and some new companies as well.

- Pizza Hut
- Oregano's
- Haldi's Indian Cuisine
- Raising Cane's Chicken
- Panda Express
- Sonic
- Portillo's
- Tokyo Joe's

If you would like to help with recommendations, scheduling, and/or hosting restaurant nights, contact Roxan.

Member-at-Large Report (Lisa on behalf of Marcy)

Marcy and Joi have been creating new designs for t-shirts and masks.

Emily recommended sending home a paper form to help increase visibility. (We could potentially create an online flyer for i-school parents.)

Marcy is also working with Amazon Smiles and Fry's Rewards to update from our PTA account to our new PTO account.

Membership Chair Report (Katrina)

Katrina updated our membership chart. We are up to 17 current members, but our goal is to reach 100 members by Fall break! Emily Dean volunteered a Principal Prize for the class with the most increase in membership: kiss a pig, pie in the face, etc!

Final Thoughts

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm. If you weren't able to attend the meeting, you can watch the recording here: <https://youtu.be/TsKuepSulj4>

Have a question but don't know who to contact? Email AsantePTABoard@gmail.com, and the email will be sent to the entire Board and routed to the right person!

Next Meeting:

Our meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 5:30. A Zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting.