

## President report 9/12/23

- Tears and cheers debrief

We had around 24 families, and families were able to hear all of our events and opportunities. Joelle also provided volunteer QR codes for the families, so they are able to volunteer during the school year. We had a fuzz ball guessing game in which you had to guess how many fuzz balls were in a jar. Our winner was Kristin Brooks. She was only off by one fuzz ball with a guess of 223. She won a new book for her kindergartener.

- Criminal report

As most if not all of you have heard or read our letter to the community about a former board member mis-using PTO funds. I wanted to give a quick update. After much discussion and investigating the board with a majority vote decided to press criminal charges. As of Friday September 8th I have spoken to a detective and uploaded all our evidence to the Maple Grove Police Department. He will pass all of this evidence on to the county attorney. At this time we can not discuss estimates or details of the case since it is an active investigation. Since this is a police matter most information will become public knowledge once the attorney files charges. If you have questions or get questions please feel free to share my email address, I will answer them as best I possibly can without jeopardizing the case.

- Non Profit Status

As of September 12th at 1:00pm I filed the PTO for Certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State. With this certificate I was able to file for reinstatement of our 501c3 with the IRS to have our non-profit status reinstated. These filings did come with fees that myself and fellow board member Kathleen fronted to make things right again. At some point in the future we will file for reimbursement. Our non-profit status was revoked on Jan 11, 2023 and PTO was sent a letter on Apr 23, 2023, this was due to lack of filing taxes with the IRS for 3 years. Thankfully as of September 12th at 1:56pm I was able to file for retroactive status with the IRS. At this time we are in what is called good faith standing with the government and are classified again as a non-profit organization.

- Amazon teacher wish list

We have links to some of the teachers' Amazon wish lists on our FB and our website. I am hoping more teachers take advantage of this amazing opportunity and send us their lists as well. In the meantime please feel free to check both of our locations for ways to help teachers supply their classrooms.

- Website

Some people have had a warning pop up that says "site is not secure. The site is working and secure but we are lacking a SSL certificate which would protect against hackers. Of course an SSL certificate costs a yearly fee so at this time we have not purchased it but once we are able to I will get one for the website. If you receive this message you can click continue or advance and get to the website. Please note this is my first website I've ever built so I'm learning as I go. Please have patience.