

PTO Meeting
Maryville Christian School
Wednesday, September 23rd

3:21 pm began by being lead in prayer by Stacey Rodriguez

Reminder to have everyone mark sign in sheet and verify contact information. (Sue Morris)

Introduction of PTO Board:

Co-Chairing President: Sue Morris and Stacey Rodriguez

Treasurer: Sue Morris

Secretary: Jennifer Shaw

*Behind the scenes sneak peak:

Sue Morris talked about the web site link, PTO Family, discussed the statement of purpose. Be sure to check out the site and come back and look for future links, meeting minutes, pictures and maybe even a t-shirt sales section.

*Upcoming Events:

Stacey Rodriguez was excited to present the next event...Donuts with Dad, scheduled for Thursday, October 1st. Donuts will be \$1.00 and drinks will be \$0.50. There will be board games set out...a great time of fellowship for Dads and their children. Dad's (Grandfather's, Uncles, Neighbors, whoever is special to that child) is invited and then encouraged to stay and read a book to that child's class. It is also the kick off day for the Book It! program for the school. The money raised will be used to fund PTO and the upcoming events.

Muffins with Mom has been postponed. Wanted to space out events so that families were not overwhelmed. So many things are coming up with the holidays quickly approaching. Scheduled for Oct. 30th.

Technology Day (Oct. 15th) the PTO will be providing cookies and drinks. We will need to set up, serve and clean up. We are to plan for 300. Report Cards for grades 4th and up will be releases that night so we should expect a good turn out.

Pajama and Pancake Day (Initially scheduled for Oct. 30th delayed until later, to much going on so close together) was discussed, modest pajama's...maybe an alternate for middle school and up, guidelines would need to be discussed in more detail and would need to get approved. Would need more Dad's to cook and serve. Discussed the possibility of collecting donated items and raffling them off, it was agreed that this was not a good fit for this event. (Note made that the school pancake breakfast at Applebee's would be in January, the last Saturday was believed the actual day).

Pastor Appreciation will be paid for by PTO with Shannon Kilm making the food. Sixth graders who served at the Grandparents Breakfast will serve again. They did a great job!!

End of school year party/Luau...something fun mentioned with no specific plans made...just want to start thinking about something fun to do.

Father/Daughter Tea....Mother/Son Shoot Out (basketball) mentioned to get those creative minds thinking for the future.

BOOK IT! starting in October

PTO sponsored reading night, Book Fair, hot chocolate, popcorn, craft, teacher list of desires for classroom, great idea from last year. Keep in mind for this year.

Book Fair scheduled for Dec. 7th - 11th.

Consignment Sale in the Spring...need volunteer to run. Great time for families to buy new shirts for next school year. Heather Newberry will help run, but needs help. It would be on a Friday and Saturday.

* Budget:

Sue explained that at beginning of the school year, PTO account had \$2042, but that \$1625 of that had been from a 2007 donation drive called "Pennies for Plants". Since that money had not been spent that year, we feel strongly that it should stay allocated for landscaping. This left only \$417 for the general fund, and of that, \$240 was spent for 15th anniversary celebration, leaving current general fund account at \$182. (\$177 + \$5 cash donation at grandparents day.)

\$1,600 pennies for plants from previous years, proposed spending on outdoor eating tables with umbrella's. Everyone thought the idea was great. Mentioned that the High Schoolers would use it heavily. The ones at the KOA were mentioned as being great ones. Trying to find similar but not as expensive. Mentioned that we buy ones that will last, possibly made of the Trek wood.

Future Pennies for Playgrounds/Basketball court discussed. Mentioned that a note be put in teachers box about incentive/reward. The basketball court would cost about \$5,600, goals cost about \$500, poles about \$700 for an estimated cost of \$8,000 to \$10,000 for the court. Location was discussed for basketball court, next to playground or where high schoolers park now, but a fence would have to be purchased, thus more money raised. For the playground, swings were requested, but discussed that statistically most playground accidents happen on swings, so when looking at playground additions this would need to be researched further. Also, shade and benches for teachers was suggested.

T-shirts, key chains sale were discussed, the need for on site storage, sale in pick up line and specific day of week 30 minutes before school. Desire for MCS magnetic sticker and license plate discussed, to be handled like t-shirt sales.

When requesting reimbursement for a pre-approved expense, please enclose receipt in baggy or envelope and put in PTO box in the mailroom across from the office. Sue will turn-around a check from Donna Wiggins ASAP. Donation receipts are also available for tax purposes, if your expense is a donation to our PTO.

*Ideas:

It was discussed that \$5.00 be added to initial fee section with registration for PTO, having a limit set per family. The suggestion of sending out a survey to get parents input with information about what PTO provides each year. It was felt that many parents may not know what PTO money was used for so the survey would inform parents as well as give means for collecting needed funds. Many were in favor of the additional fee, but suggested it be sent out separate, not with the enrollment paperwork.

Chick-Fil-A calendars and be purchased for \$4.00, selling for \$6.00 for an easy fundraiser, however 8th graders already do a calendar so it couldn't be done...but a good idea to keep in mind for the future or for the 8th graders to do themselves.

Idea was discussed to have a spot to put PTO stuff, any broom closet, to have stuff for sale at each event, t-shirts, etc.

Boxes of Donut sales, candy bar sales, and similar were discussed, but the general feel was that it was not an idea we wished to pursue.

Possibly having a collared shirt sale/switch mentioned but no decision made.

*Important note:

The Administration and staff would like to commend the PTO for the 15th year anniversary celebration.

*In Attendance:

It is believed that not everyone signed in, so the numbers may be greater.

Administration: 3

Teachers: 3

Other Staff: 1

Parents: 14