

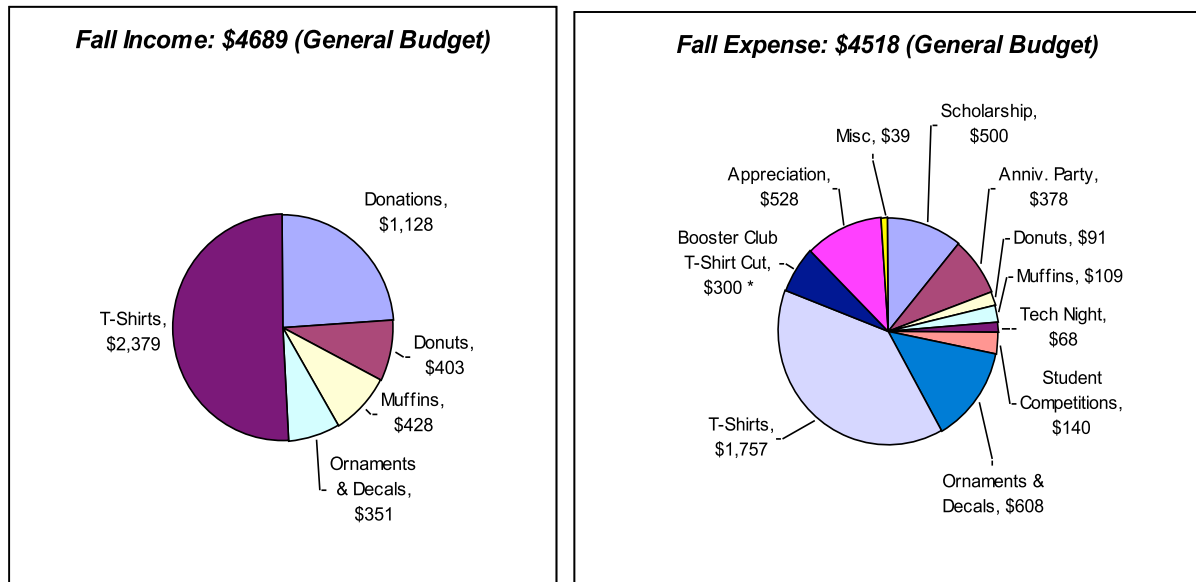
PTO Meeting  
Maryville Christian School  
Wednesday, January 13, 2010

3:18 Open in Prayer, by Carol Evans

\*Treasurer Report (Sue Morris, PTO Co-President and Treasurer):

Things are tight, but we haven't wanted to charge too much for each fund raiser or more then we need to survive.

Currently we have around \$350 with upcoming expenses needing to come out of that money. Accounting Summary presented on overhead with line by line itemization of expenses and income. Also a pie graph with similar explanation. (Pie Graph below).



T-Shirt sales have been good but our profit from that is split with Booster club. We were unable to order in bulk because we didn't have the funds to cover the initial cost. It is a lot of work for a very small profit, but does promote School Spirit, which is one of PTO's goals. We will have new looks this Spring...so be on the look out!!!

Pennies for PTO money to be slotted for playground (from elementary collection and donations) or basketball court (from High School and donations). Hoping to get Booster club to make a nice donation. Also, the money raised in 2007 for the courtyard to be used to get tables for eating outside.

\*Special Project:

We have several people volunteering their time on completing a Kroger Grant. Thank you to Tina, Ann and Sue!! The deadline is Feb. 1st. The application is a creative one, so they are making a scrap book. It was suggested that they contact Mrs. Gore for yearbook pictures. We may be able to have access which will really help with the older classes pictures. We are applying for two different areas, the elementary and middle/high school. The elementary is for hand held microscopes, the middle/high school is for basketball goals. The goal is to set our application apart from others. Mrs. Klima has pictures as well.

Below is from the Kroger webpage with the categories for the grant:

Kroger will then award one elementary school and one middle school with a “Grand Prize” reward worth up to \$2,500 that Kroger purchases for the school. Rewards will come from five categories:

- Science & Math (for example: calculators, lab equipment, etc.)
- Liberal Arts (for example: band uniforms, stage props, etc.)
- Literature (for example: books for media center, etc.)
- Sports & Fitness (for example: sports and playground equipment, etc.)
- Technology (for example, computers, software, etc.)

Kroger will also award 33 schools from each Kroger School District “Honor Prizes” worth up to \$1,000 purchased by Kroger. Rewards will come from the same categories identified above.

#### \*Upcoming Events:

Mother/Son Jamming Fun--suggestions of Rock Climbing, Laser Tag, etc. At a facility with a group rate.

Dr. Seuss Pancake Day, March 12, day before Spring Break. Elementary will be allowed to wear their pajamas and High Schoolers will be allowed to wear sweats. We are currently checking the prices for pancakes at several locations. This will be a Fellowship push, not a fund raiser push. Fun Spirit games, throw a slipper, etc. Mini Pep Rally, best Teacher PJ's maybe wins a Starbucks gift card. There will be a push to encourage reading on this day.

Consignment Sale will be coming up, with information to follow. Heather Newberry and Jennifer Shaw are planning, please see either of them if you are interested in helping.

Writing Workshop, presented by Mrs. Hampton. Writing is part of the School Improvement Plan. She has done a presentation in the past and found it very valuable. It is a parent training workshop. Each family is given an informative handbook that will aide them in assisting their child. The new Writing Assessment has been implemented and it is valuable for parents to understand how it works. She needs assistance in paying for the books. They cost \$1.15 a book. She is requesting the PTO to pay for 100 books, which will cost \$115 plus shipping and handling. The Elementary presentation will be on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 6:30 and the Middle/High School presentation will be on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6:30. The books don't go out of date, they have to be purchased in groups of 20 and there is no discount for buying more. It was agreed that PTO would pay for the books. Just to note: Mrs. Hampton spends one hour a day available to assist Elementary teachers in teaching writing.

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3 - 7. We are looking to have a raffle for favorite teacher to win prizes. Bagels for Breakfast, Pep Rally competition not as favorable. May opt to appreciate teachers not make them compete!! The week should be for the teachers not the students!! It was suggested that PTO provide substitute teachers for the teachers to eat off campus together. PTO would not cover the cost for lunch, but get the substitutes. This seemed to be highly supported by all present. It was suggested that we think of other ways to bless our teachers, if you have any ideas please put your idea in the PTO box.

End of School Year Party, discussed as a whole school, to help equalize the classroom celebrations. Renting Court South, concern over liability issue and modesty issues. Thunder World also discussed. Date when to schedule became difficult to find, due to exam schedule and a busy time of year. It was brought up that teachers like the end of year party with just their class because they enjoy that last party with the class. So, it was decided to leave to Individual Room Mom's.

Field Day, PTO will work with the gym teachers in providing workers and snacks. Last year gummy fruit, popsicles were provided. PTO is looking for more suggestions and donations!! Since PTO would not be doing an end of year party it was suggested to make Field Day "Super Cool", rent a jumping house that the students add to their rotation of events, maybe even a hay ride, or rock climbing. The idea would be to merge Field Day with the Carnival from years past. It was brought up that Alcoa Fire Station may have a jumping house for free and might be able to have a fire truck present. There might be a possibility of the church lowering its big screen so that there could be a cool down period when the students can bring their beach towels and watch a movie.

MS/HS Field Day has been requested by the students. They generally help with the elementary field day. Suggestions from the students included Capture the Flag, Deal or no Deal, Survivor type, fun cheap activities that would create bonding. Mud wrestling was even suggested!! We don't want to interrupt classes. Suggested that we work with Room Moms and the Student Council. The day would need to be separate from the elementary day, the date was narrowed down to the last Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of April.

\*Important Discussion:

It was presented that PTO board spends most of their time doing fundraising with very little profit. This kept the members from spending more time of addressing the goals they had personally set, one being supporting reading. It was presented that a fee be added in the enrollment package for every student to cover operations of the PTO. This money would need to be enough so that there would not be a need to continually do little fund raisers but not too much to burden parents at such a financially burdensome time. The amount suggested varied from \$5 to \$10 a student. This money would be ear marked for events that involved the school, not one group in particular. Such events would be Teacher Appreciation, Education Events (like the Writing Workshop), PTO

Today Website Plus Membership (A required fee to be part of PTO, it is in our School Improvement Plan to have an active PTO), and communication costs (copies, etc). The money would be kept separate from other PTO money, like the Pennies for PTO money is kept separate. It was discussed to have a maximum per family and to have the fee due at alternate time. However, the discussion lead to it being best to have a per student fee with no family maximum and to have the fee due with other enrollment fees. This fee would not cover all that PTO does, so there would still be minimal fees for optional events, like Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad. An official vote was taken, with 14 in favor of fee, 1 nay for the fee and 2 abstaining from voting.

\*In Attendance:

Administration: 3

Teachers: 8

Parents: 9

Meeting Adjourned at 4:19