

Meramec PTO Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2015
8:45 – 10: AM

Attendance

Jenny Abeles, Jay Epstein, Angela Pompian, Stephanie Gross, Michelle Stone, Rula Winings, Cari Lowry, Tarita Rhimes, Tanya Vedantham, Emily Whitney, Jeff Orgel, Lawanda Hall, Tahnee Jackson Whitlock, Montrice Williams, Tina Murtha, Elisabeth Thompson, Susan Kronemer.

Call To Order

8:45AM

Stephanie Gross

Ward III Alderman Election

Alex has been a part of the community for a very long time, graduate of Meramec, Wydown and Clayton HS. He wants to create the plans to improve downtown Clayton, Center of Clayton, economic development. Three priorities: Neighborhoods (safety, quality), improve school district and create a financial base for the services everyone enjoys in Clayton.

Alex Berger

Completed PTO Events

Stephanie Gross

Pancake Breakfast

It did very well considering there were some weather issues. Next year possibly have a talent show or other draw to ensure family attendance.

Black History Extravaganza

The evening went very well. Choir did a great job as well as Mr. Diadie Bathily and his dance troop. Next year is Lawanda's last year we would like to continue it in the future if anyone is interested.

Committee Reports

Saratoga Lanes Social

Adults only social this Saturday night at 7:30pm at Saratoga Lanes in Maplewood. Right now we have 59 people registered. We are still looking for people to RSVP. Would love for you to RSVP ahead of time but can pay at door. We have a bunch of awesome sign up parties for parents and children.

Angela Pompian

Lunches of Love

The next lunches of Love will be April 6th. Bags will come home on April 3rd. Need to be returned Monday, April 6th. All bags will be delivered to St. Peter and St. Paul.

S. Gross for S. Engelbrecht

Flower Sale

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The Flower Sale will be held on the Meramec blacktop on Wednesday, April 29th. We are once again receiving the plants on contingency through the same vendor.

Read Right Run

Tina Murtha

April 11th at 9:30am is the race. We are also coordinating a used bike drive on Saturday, April 25th on the Meramec blacktop. If you have any old bikes or bike related equipment that you no longer need, please consider donating them.

Field Day

S. Gross for Julie Sandler

Field Day is scheduled to occur on Friday, May 22nd at Shaw Park. Students will be paired up with their buddy class to participate in stations (tug of war, etc). An email will go out to recruit parent volunteers.

Summer Send Off

S. Gross for Stacy Donohue

SOS will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at Gay Field from 4-8pm. We are using the same carnival company as last year. A DJ will be there from 5-8. Food and drink will be available for purchase. There will be a cake walk, bake sale and much, much more. It's a lot of fun and a great way to end the school year.

Yearbook

S. Gross for Emily Kest

If you are unsure if you purchased a yearbook, you can email Jodi or Emily.

Treasurer's Report

Jay Epstein

Please see attached sheets.

Highlights –

Revenue for pancake breakfast is \$2121.00

Funds for excellence is growing

Black History Month – additional funds needed for last minute talent change.

Trivia Night is a greater profit than we expected.

Staff appreciation – Emily does a great job supplying food for teachers during staff appreciation week and conferences.

Jay has the last bank statement, checks and deposits if you would like to see.

Moved and seconded to pass the budget.

PTO Council

Susan Kronemer

Board of Education candidate forum is Monday, March 30th in the CHS auditorium at 7pm. All 3 candidates will be there to talk about their positions. It will last approximately an hour.

There are a couple openings on the PTO Council Executive Board. Please see Susan Kronemer for more information.

Communications**Angela Pompian**

Would like to get things on the website sooner rather than later. Really would like to utilize the website more. Everything is on the website and we are trying to drive traffic to the website.

Principal's Report**Cari Lowry for LJT**

Thank you again for the Chipotle dinner during conferences, the staff really appreciates all the food.

MAP testing is coming up and this year it's all online. It is done by grade levels and it will occur individually online in the library. Certain classes are on certain days. Please refer to the schedule on Mr. Henderson's website for more details.

Also please take a look at all of the science projects outside the science room. Meramec has 27 entries.

The next Parent Principal Dialog will be on April 9th.

Colors for cure: March 27th. Dress in a color in honor/memory of a person with a specific cancer. All money will be given to the American Cancer Society.

New Business**Five Below Fundraiser****Tanya Vendatham**

Brentwood Promenade location March 28th – April 4th. Meramec receives 10% of all purchases made with flyer.

Darcy Naylor**Elizabeth Thompson**

The Meramec mom that we held the Fortell's fundraiser is in remission. Thank you to everyone who came out this past fall and contributed to this family.

Positions for next year**Stephanie Gross/Jay Epstein**

Need an assistant treasurer next year. Would really like a kindergarten/first grade parent to help out with this.

Also, anyone else that you think would be interested in being on the PTO, please contact Stephanie Gross.

Adjournment**Stephanie Gross**

**Next PTO Meeting Thursday, April 23, 2015 8:45 – 10 AM
Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast**