

**WMS PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM**

**Welcome and Introductions**

In-Person: Whitney Lorenz, Betsy Meyland-Smith, Deborah Moura, Kami Waldman, Erin Runnels, Nancy Gamble, Carlos Espinosa, Dr. Jordan, Madeline Akins, Jenny Abeles  
Zoom: Celina Haupt, Joanna Dinsmore, Erin Baker, Michela, Meagan Vines, Kristin Pollak, Jeanne Johnson, Sarah K, Gina Nelson

[Approval of the September 16 PTO Meeting Minutes](#) - Motion to approve by Erin Runnels, then Kami Waldman came in with a 2<sup>nd</sup>, none opposed, motion passed.

**Principal's Report - Dr. Jamie Jordan**

Parent teacher conferences coming up  
Pumpkin decorating – please donate a pumpkin, link went out  
6<sup>th</sup> grade camp went well, items left are on the stage in Main Street  
8<sup>th</sup> grade Jeykll trip coming up  
Winter Fun Fest happening in December

**International Festival Idea – Nancy Gamble – English Development at Wydown**

We have a population of kids from other cultures, need to celebrate these, would be student driven, the chosen date at this time is February 7<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm, they have sent out an email to teachers to see about cultural related activities help, PE could help, student council could have an activity, short acts would be presented most likely in the Main Street area on the stage with food/refreshments

1 st request: would like to ask PTO for help with food, in demonstration format

2 nd request: ask parents and parents are invited to come forward with ideas.

PTO is willing to support - committee will be formed, identify need, then request funds from PTO as needed

A flyer, newsletter and blurb from Nancy Gamble will be going out and parents will respond to that and coordinate interest. Parents can reach out to Nancy if interested in helping or have ideas.

**Clayton Connections – Erin Runnels**

Have had several events, movie night was this last week and it went well, next event will be bowling, watch for email for details.

**President's Report - Betsy Meyland-Smith and Madeline Akins**

Past Events:

6th Grade Movie Night 9/19 – sold refreshments and spirit wear, made around \$350

CHS Homecoming 10/4 – shout out to Cara Downs and Laura Deautch – HOCO Hat Bar – sold 31 hats making \$750 for PTO

### Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Donation Sign-up has been emailed out, 4/55 are here, need more this week, activity to use them is on Monday (21<sup>st</sup>)

Staff Appreciation Dinner – upcoming conferences - Wednesday boxes from Brew Bites, Thursday will be a snack buffet by 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents – great turnout of parent help with this

7th Grade Parent Party 10/23 5:30-7:30, Clayton Winehouse

6th Grade Parent Party 10/24 5:30-7:30, Clayton Winehouse

8th Grade Parent Party 10/30 5:30-7:30, Clayton Winehouse

KEEN Volunteer Event 11/10 2:45-4:00 – Jacki Stavro has sent out invite, parents please respond and attend

Spirit Wear - HOCO Hat Bar (covered in past events)

Blankets are still being distributed

### **Treasurer's Report - Michelle Abounader**

Financial Statement of Activity Year to Date (posted online)

As of October 11, 2024, the PTO has \$99,995.85 in the bank (About \$67,000 is in general PTO funds because \$32,076.77 are restricted Jekyll Island funds, and \$1,078.60 are restricted Clayton Connections funds.)

Highlights since our last meeting in September:

Cara Downs continues to make great money for the PTO while making Clayton Hat-wearers happy. Her "Hat Bar" sold 31 custom hats at \$25 each making \$775 dollars for our PTO. She goes the extra mile and maximizes coupons; rebate offers and membership points to bring the cost down as far as possible. Thank her if you see her!

Future Fundraiser ideas? Someone mentioned that the high school gives everyone who donates a chance to win a raffled off sweatshirt, Meramec sold Mums and made \$1,000.00 quickly, also mentioned. Possible pumpkin sale next year a possibility?

### **Next PTO Meeting November 11, 9AM**

- 2024-2025 Meetings (in-person and zoom option):
  - 12/9, 9AM
  - 1/13, 9AM
  - 2/10, 9AM
  - 3/10, 9AM
  - 4/14, 9AM
  - 5/12, 9AM

Adjourned at 9:46