



R.M. Captain PTO

Captain PTO Meeting

March 7, 2024

Called to order: 7:02pm

Link to recorded zoom meeting: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11PsEshogdmWO9NTIn5nFruG5BWNkgZBL/view?usp=sharing>

Attendees: Allyson Lavender, Lee Johnson, Christine Johnson, Brock Reichart, Katie Huffman, Pam Lyss-Lerman, Karin Schute, Mary Jane Ruff, Leo Human, Katie Henderson, Kevin Peck, Jessica Graetz, Julia Drafahl, Kara Bailey, Katherine Clifton, Jason Wilson

1. Welcome / Introductions

2. Urgent Business

- a. Approved minutes from February
- b. Approved Kevin Peck as Co-Treasurer

3. School Board Candidate Introductions

a. Jason Wilson: has kids in district, Incumbent: running for third term on school board. Platform: integrating critical thinking and technology proficiency, diversity/inclusion, social/emotional well-being- (new wellness center started at CHS recently), investing in evidence based resources, question asked: "would he do anything different with Caleres deal?": response: "yes, the board would better inform the Clayton residents."

b. Leo Human: 3 kids in district, Platform: He believes in the mission of public education, an inclusive society, background: lawyer, volunteers on long term financial planning committee, wants to find more ways to provide diversity because transfer program is ending.

c. Pamela Lyss-Lerman: Clayton graduate, teacher, psychiatrist, 3 kids in district, background provides unique prospective, asks difficult questions, platform: social/emotional wellness- wants to have a discussion about social media/phone usage in the schools, developing formal relationships between city of Clayton leadership and district leadership, would like to continue to help foster trust between board and Clayton residents, and wants to have a discussion about creating diversity due to transfer program ending. Has attended board meetings for a year.

d. Board of Education Candidates Forum 3/26 at 7pm, CHS auditorium, reception to follow

4. Principal's Update

a. Class Placement Decision: The elementary schools have decided to delay the class placement process. Families will receive information the first week in August. This is occurring because one of the Clayton elementary schools experienced higher enrollment and had to hire a 4th teacher last year which resulted in necessary shifts. Dr. Martin is considering organizing a summer play date with all students and will continue to ask for parent input. The survey comes out soon and students/classroom teachers/specialist teachers will also have input.

b. Habitat for Humanity: community teams made bird houses for a fundraiser for Habitat, can be purchased at trivia/auction night. All unsold will be offered afterwards, need to raise \$2500 to send 15 teachers to help build this summer, extra funds can be used to purchase appliances, ask your student about Habitat to help raise awareness

5. Teacher Funding Request

a. Tiffany Marquart: First Annual Art show 4/25, will have refreshments, needs \$ to purchase frozen fruit treats and spoons: approved by PTO. She is hoping for this event to become an annual event.

6. Fundraising Report

a. Trivia Night: Friday, 3/8, biggest event of year, sold out, 16 tables sold, items sold online until 9pm, three live auction items, can bid by absentee- text/email a PTO member, bring food/costumes: theme is Barbie vs Oppenheimer

b. STL City 2 game: April 19, \$15/ticket, school gets \$5 per ticket sold, face painting, block party, competition between the schools, top 3 schools get the city street team to come to school, will do another event in September,

7. Treasurer's Report: this month's deposits= \$3700, total at months end: \$69000, budget is posted online at Captain PTO site.

8. President's Report

a. 2024/2025 PTO Positions

i. PTO executive Board: we still need a co-fundraiser, candidates will be presented in April and voted on in May, Christine Johnson will stay on as auction/trivia chair, Katherine Clifton is also a fundraiser co-chair,

ii. Grade Level Reps: need volunteers,

iii. Committee Chairs: need volunteers, will know more about positions in upcoming months, need garden day chair to join asap to help Betsy, April 20th is garden day

b. Budget and Events Forum: April 4th: in person meeting in Captain library 6pm: we will discuss budget goals for next year, followed by the PTO meeting at 7pm

c. Bricks fundraiser: look for flyer in kid's backpacks after spring break, chance to leave a legacy for your family at captain, \$150/brick, tax deductible, engraved in the summer

d. Spring Conference Teacher Appreciation: Katie Henderson collecting food items for teachers, drinks for drink fridge, soap for bathroom upstairs, look for sign up genius, leave items Monday 3/11 with Sheila at front desk,

i. May 15th: teacher appreciation week, leave flowers at front door to make arrangements, luncheon sponsored, possibly bringing in masseuses for teachers during the day

9. Comments/Questions

10. **Adjourn: 7:54**