

Family Center PTO Meeting - Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Attendees: Lori Holtzman, Shannon Davis, Julie Gullickson, Michelle Snyder, Jennifer Berends, Liz Florek, Kary Spiegel, Kami Waldman, Jessica Graetz and Laura Seelbach

Opening + Welcome (Lori Holtzman)

Treasurer's Report (Jen Berends): Reminder that when making purchases for PTO to use tax exempt form. PTO is unable to reimburse for sales Tax. \$500 paid for annual PTO dues. Nature Trail Event collected \$1165, still waiting on a few more checks to come in.

Art to Remember (Jessica Graetz): Very successful fund raiser this year. \$3274 in sales compared to \$2280 last year. There were 51 online orders and 16 paper orders this year. A new Art to Remember Chair is needed for next year.

Wine and Dream (Jessica Graetz): March 8th date has been secured for this parents only event. Event scheduled between 7-9pm at Parker's Table. Tickets will be available for purchase ahead of time or at the door. Part of the event will include a raffle. A new Wine and Dream Chair is needed for next year.

Fall Book Festival at Barnes + Noble (Shannon Davis): The Fall Book Festival was a great success. \$4748 in sales compared to \$3957 last year. There were \$4150 in store purchases the day of the event. Barnes + Noble gave \$932 gift card to the Family Center. There are still \$650 worth of books remaining on the teacher's wish list. Proposed that extra funds go to Stay Play and Learn for their wish list.

Class Photos (Lori Holtzman): Pictures have all been taken, waiting for final orders from each class. They will be sent out to print soon.

Teacher Appreciation (Kami Waldman): Next teacher appreciation event will be on December 1 on the early release day. The committee will be providing a Hot Chocolate Bar.

Moms' Night Out (Liz Florek): The date has been confirmed for May 3rd and will be hosted at Laura Deutsch's house.

Community Outreach (Lori Holtzman): No Update. The Diaper drive has been scheduled for Dec. 4-8th. The drive will accept both opened and unopened diaper containers/boxes. People will also be asked to donate money. The drive will benefit the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank.

Director's Report (Lori Holtzman on behalf of Debbie Reilly): Thank you for a wonderful book fair!! Thank you for a successful Flashlight Walk, over 39 families attended and raised nearly \$1170. I continue to meet with Patty DeForrest (Clayton Director of Parks and Rec) and Sean Doherty (CSD Superintendent) about the playground. We have plans and cost projections for the upper level of the upper playground and are working on plans for the lower level of the upper playground. We have enough funds to start the upper part of the upper playground soon. The City continues to seek funds for the playground. We are eagerly anticipating our visits with consultants with the Opal School. We hope to learn strategies to make our school even better! Several groups have observed in our classrooms. The CHS child development class observes toddler development in our 2AM classes. Our Opal consultants (2), District kindergarten teachers and elementary principals will observe our 3am, 4am, 5am and full day classrooms this week. We are honored to serve as a lab classroom

Closing (Lori Holtzman): There will be no PTO meeting for the month of December. Next PTO meeting scheduled for January 17th.