

Challenger Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time:
Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 6pm

I. Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

- Attended by: Lisa Schultz (co-President), Char Purdy (co-President), Jeanine Spencer (Secretary), Dave Cherry, Nicole Stropkai, Beverly Sidorski, Michelle Wilkerson, Lester Purdy, Erin Stover, Nicole Lai

II. Approval of last meeting minutes (September 2017)

- Beverly motioned to approve, Jeanine seconded

III. Welcome Board Members, Parents and Teachers

- Nicole Lai's first time joining us

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Santa Shop has spent \$500, but gift items have all been purchased
- Raffle baskets net \$385
- Costume sales made \$200
- Popcorn Sales made us \$220 on 10/20, next sale should put us in the black after the necessary machine repair costs from October
- We will be receiving a check from Box Tops in December for \$1,035.70.
- TNT made a profit of \$140 from food sales and Meijer donated a \$200 gift card for candy of which \$86.65 remains and will be spent on Spirit of Giving
- Conference dinners cost us \$337.11 after \$70 in parent donations. Our remaining balance for Spring conferences is only \$162.89. Both Char and Lisa feel that we had to spend more because fewer parents brought dishes than in the past

V. Principal & Teachers' Reports

- (Dave Cherry) Building Healthy Kids program is going great
- Project Gratitude which received 421 lbs of candy for US soldiers
- Student-run LOC Credit Union has averaged about 8-10 transactions per week
- Rockin' Readers starts in December (mentor program for a limited number of students)

VI. Old Business

- Trunk 'n Treat – Despite the rain it went very well. Both Char and Lester mentioned that trunk hosts didn't clean up after themselves. Char thinks we should do it indoors again next year.
- Spirit Wear is available now thru 11/28 and will be delivered by 12/20. So far, 9 orders have been placed. Jeanine inquired about the possibility of setting up single-use or other promo codes. Char will find out.

VII. New Business

- Read-A-Thon will be January and will be combined with “One school-one book” event.
- Parents' Night Out is 12/1. We have 4 high school volunteers so far, Char thinks we will need at least 14
- Santa's Secret Workshop – Jodi Limbers and Kacey Romeo will chair. Coupons are being laminated for PTO sponsored shoppers
- Spirit of Giving - PTO will be sponsoring 4 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Yvonne And Danielle Wlodarczak will oversee
- New Fundraising Venues – Jeanine expressed concerns about planning an event at Castaway because of past pricing inconsistencies and bad service. Lisa has discussed a celebrity server event at Mourad's as they are very eager to do something with us. Other venues were suggested; SkyZone and Rollerama. Lester will look into opportunities at Rollerama and Lisa will pursue SkyZone opportunities.
- Jeanine has added a new feature to the PTO newsletter, *Volunteer Spotlight*. Nominations were requested and Nicole nominated Lester Purdy for the December edition. Lester will need to answer a few brief questions and provide a photo for the article.

VIII. Comments

- Michelle will no longer be handling the VG's Direct your Dollars receipts and turned in the related paperwork and supplies to Char.
- Erin suggested asking both VG's store and other area businesses to keep a Challenger box to deposit receipts for Direct your Dollars.
- Lester suggested that the school send links to signupgenius for our PTO events, but Dave had concerns about the legality since this could be deemed a “robo-call” type email.

IX. Meeting Adjourned, 7:30pm