

St. Thomas School
Thursday, May 12, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Robyn Wells called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and Mrs. Reder led an opening prayer. Nineteen members were present.

Secretary's Report-- No corrections or questions about the March minutes. Kristy Geier moved to approve. Robyn Pietro-Wells seconded.

Treasurer's report-- showed a budget balance of \$1651.48. The proposed budget for next year was discussed at this time. Suggestions included an increase to the teacher appreciation budget and library improvements. The proposed budget already included increases for the Boo Hoo Breakfast, Skateland, and the End of the Year Party to reflect actual costs spent this year for a total of \$3,375 (last year's budget was \$3,075). After discussion, and the realization that leftover money from line items can be used later in the year for other overages, it was agreed that the proposed budget was fine as it was presented.

Note: PTO needs to finish a proposed budget by January of next year to be in time for the finance council to do the school budget.

Someone also questioned if any leftover budget could be put on a Visa card to be used the following year. Some thought this wasn't right since the school funds our budget. This is a question for Father.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Teacher Appreciation Week—faculty and staff enjoyed the week. They had their favorite beverages on hand, mailbox gifts, favorite snacks, a breakfast and a lunch, different items each day brought in by students, and books with pages made by the students. There was concern that the special teachers and staff didn't receive as many book pages and got left out of the daily items brought.

2. Buddy Lunch—Wednesday, May 18. Ann will check whether Kathy Miebach can pick up the pizza and how drinks, chips and dessert were handled last year.

3. Summer Swim Party—August 1 at 7:30 PM, Sholem Pool. Raindate—August 8.

4. Fun Day—Thursday, May 26, Lunch 11:30, Inflatables 12-2 PM

- Still need several parent volunteers—see on line sign up.
- **Inflatables** are reserved. Action Inflatables will set up, so help is not needed there. Parents are needed to supervise at each Inflatable during the time they are open, and a few parents to help roll them up when they are taken down.
- **Hamburgers**—Sonic will donate 160 hamburgers/buns. Ann Case will pick up.
- **Hot Dogs**—125 (Ask Kathy T. to shop for these and buns and paper products.)
- **Frito Lay**—Katie Graham pick up chips.
- **Drinks**—Someone needs to make lemonade and get water ready.
- **Cotton Candy/Sno Cone**—Robyn and Ann will pick up. Need to confirm syrup, flavors, and number of paper products.
- **Horses**—?? This was not mentioned at the meeting.
- **Dunk Tank**—Brent Carmien will pick up and set up.
- **Cooker**—Matt Miebach will take care of this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Calendar fundraiser to replace magazine drive**—The idea of selling calendars with pictures of school students and activities was presented. Each family would need to sell five calendars to make the same money as the magazine drive. Parents were resistant to this being required and thought having to pay \$125 if calendars weren't sold would be burden on families. Some questioned whether people used paper calendars anymore & the fact that free calendars are given out at church.
 Other ideas offered—get people to sponsor their birthday on the calendar for a donation. Make sure we have an online platform for selling it to make it easier and more marketable, especially to people who live away from here.
 Other fundraising ideas—Sarah Durham's company sells a variety of products through Teamworks. Sarah can find the percentage the school would make. They ship products directly to the people who buy, so it would not be as much work for school staff.
 Another fundraising idea was restaurant fundraisers from places such as Monicals, Buffalo Wild Wings, etc. where a percentage of sales goes to the school.
2. **Tolono Fun Day Float**—there is a banner around that could be used on the float. We would need a shed to put the float together—Ted Rund or Kelley's?? People were positive about the idea. We need a coordinator.

3. **Officer Openings**—Heather Hahn and Lois Happ were elected co-presidents for next year.

Robyn motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Shelley Jackson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.