

Mark Twain Elementary PTA

May 10, 2016

6:30 pm

Mark Twain Library

President Adam Cook called meeting to order at 6:32PM.

In attendance were 20 people: Caroline Olson, Mary Dixon, Dawnn Brooks, Kait Burke, Jennifer Swisher, Jeff Wiersema, Merridith VanDerGinst, John Walston, Lindsay Kulig, Samantha Zahner, Kathy Siebel, Melinda Larson, Jody Wiersema, Heather Bagby, Krystal Bonjour, Adam Cook, Jeremy Bloyd, Scott Stevenson, Eric Miller, and Heather Shepherd.

Marco's: Heather Shepherd

Marco's Pizza brought a pizza and brownie dinner to share. Heather presented fundraiser opportunities that Marco's offers, including coupon cards, and options for pizza nights. She also shared about the A Report Card program as well as catering options. They also offer field trip options and a script program.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Olson

Thank you to the PTA for a successful Fun Fest, BOGO Book Fair, Family Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation Lunch. The school is working on class lists for the 2016-2017 school year. Any concerns or information you want to share please write a letter to Mrs. Olson. The school is looking into alternate lunch options for next year. There will be 1 option per day. Example of what may be offered.

Monday-Turkey and cheese sandwich, Tuesday-Ham and cheese sandwich, Wednesday-Breaded Chicken sandwich, Thursday-Pretzel and Cheese, and Friday-Bagel with topping. IA Assessment Data for 3,4, and 5th grades was shared during the meeting.

Title 1 Presentation:Lindsay Kulig

Mark Twain is a schoolwide Title 1. They work with students in small group settings offering 1 on 1 help as needed. Teachers can talk to interventionist if they see help is needed at any time. Work on communication for next school year.

Minutes: Krystal Bonjour

Approved by Heather Bagby and Jennifer Swisher.

Treasurer Report: Merridith VanDerGinst

Starting Balance 12,186.96

Deposits: E-script 51.30, fun fest 3705.50, Book Fair 347.28, Box tops 1004.00, yearbook 39.00 Donations 85.54 Total deposits 5232.62

Voided Checks- Transfer to Triumph 7500.00, schnucks for escript to switch direct deposit 1.00

Deposits Bank interest 0.16, Fun Fest Change 731.00, Book Fair Change, 435.00 Refund Walmart/Breakfast 15.54 total 1181.70

Checks:Transfer to Triumph 7500.00, Teacher Reimbursements 6 for total 641.25,Classical Graphics-Fun Fest Shirts 681.84, Adam Cook School T-shirts 372.44, Alena J's Bounce Houses 380.00, LifeTouch Yearbooks 184.26, Chick Fil A fun fest 481.25, Merridith VanDerGinst Breakfast Reimbursement 7.96, Jennifer Swisher Fun Fest Reimbursement 78.11 Total-10327.11

Purchases Withdraws: Fun fest basket 35.00, Staples Fun Fest Signs 18.70, Change/ Fun fest 731.00, Dollar Tree/ Fun fest 38.00, Party City/fun fest 49.98, Azteca Teacher Lunch 250.00, Change/Book Fair 435.00, Walmart/Breakfast 219.94, Walmart/Breakfast 14.52, Fun Fest Silent Auction check returned 63.00 Total 1855.14

Ending Balance of 13920.03

Savings balance 3001.09

Approved by Jeremy Bloyd and Jennifer Swisher.

Maker Space Presentation: Kathy Seibel

Exploring and discovering new ideas and creativity through building and trying new things. Helps kids find their passion and sharing with others. They work on Critical Thinking, Math, Science, English and Language Arts. Helps students know it's okay to fail but to try again. They are currently doing maker-space 1 time a month during library for pre-k through 5th grades. A wishlist of items was shared.

Kendra Bries- Buddy Bench Girl Scout Gold Award: Adam Cook
Funding request for 2 buddy benches totaling \$360 was approved.

Fun Fest Review/Suggestions.

It was suggested we have a prize for trying the games if they don't earn Olson bucks such as tootsie rolls or stickers. Ran out of Olson Bucks, consider making more for the future. Suggested to have multiple tables set up for admission. Extending the time in the future to 5-7pm. Look at fair pricing options. Use maps to show where everything goes for set-up. Reevaluate food prices. Clean up went smoothly thanks to the girl scouts help. A great variety of raffle prizes! Thank you to all volunteers who made Fun Fest a success.

Yearbook- Approval for contract to be signed with Life-Touch. Krystal Bonjour will be the advisor if there are no other volunteers.

Elections 2016-2017: Adam Cook
Congratulations to the new Board.
President-Jennifer Swisher
Co-Vice President- Kait Burke
Co-Vice President- Jeremy Bloyd
Membership Chairperson- Jody Wiersema
Treasurer- Merridith VanDerGinst
Secretary-Krystal Bonjour

Reminders: Adam Cook
May 9-27- SchoolKidz Kit Orders

May 23- Hall of Fame Pizza Day

May 31 and June 1- Variety Show

Next PTA meeting is Tuesday September 13 at 6:30 pm- Mark Twain Library

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm by Adam Cook

Prepared by: Krystal Bonjour- Secretary