

Mark Twain Elementary PTA

October 11, 2016

6:30 pm

Mark Twain Library

President Jen Swisher called meeting to order at 6:34PM.

In attendance were 12 people: Caroline Olson, Kait Burke, Jen Swisher, Merridith VanDerGinst, Adam Cook, Jennie Blackman, Jody Wiersema, Heather Bagby, Krystal Bonjour, Amy Johnson, Jeremy Bloyd, Kerensa Bloyd

Principal's Report: Mrs. Olson

Great turnout at the Open House. Unofficial count was around 278 people attending. Conferences will be the week of November 7th. Monday November 7th will be the late night until 8pm. No school on Friday November 11th. Veterans day assembly at 10am on November 10th, all are welcome to attend. Fire Safety week October 10-14. New playground is finished and well liked by students. Buddy benches are in the hallway and will be installed soon. Early out on October 19th and 25th. Visiting artist, Imani Winds, will be here at 9am on October 21st. Red ribbon run and assembly will begin at 1:15pm on October 28th.

September 2016 Minutes: Krystal Bonjour

Approved by Jeremy Bloyd and Merridith VanDerGinst.

Treasurer Report: Merridith VanDerGinst

-Income: Donation jar \$139.00, Schnucks Escript \$56.44, PTA Membership \$25.00, Yankee Candle \$5480.91, Buddy Bench Excess \$167.18, Interest \$0.40, Total income \$5868.93

-Teacher Reimbursements totaling \$371.48

-Debits: Box Top supplies \$6.42, Book Fair decorations totaling \$91.50 Total debits \$97.92

-Balance \$21550.17

Approved by Jeremy Bloyd and Kait Burke.

Membership Update: Jody Wiersema

Marcos will be donating coupon cards. 200 have been ordered. Sign up to be a PTA member before November 30th and you will receive 1 card per member Free, members who have already signed up will also receive a free coupon card. Starting in December cards will be available for purchase for \$5. Caddy's in Bettendorf will host for free and give 20% off any menu item. Looking into having the November meeting there.

Donation Request: Bryan Dietsch

Bryan is a counselor from Grant Wood asking for \$60 to help fund a lending library of Julia Cook books for the elementary schools. The total cost needed is \$1058. Julia Cook is an author who writes books to help students with social situations. Jeremy Bloyd and Merridith VanDerGinst motioned to approve request. All members present agreed.

Square 1 Art: Krystal Bonjour

Square 1 Art sales will begin October 17th and orders due back by October 31st. Product should arrive November 22.

Yearbook: Krystal Bonjour

There is a 5th grade contest for designing the yearbook cover. Designs must be turned in by Friday October 28th. Winner will receive a free yearbook and the runner up artwork will possibly be on the back of the cover. Anyone with photos is encouraged to share with Krystal by emailing yearbook@marktwainpta.org. There will be a pre-sale late October through mid-November. Yearbooks will cost \$13 this year. Another final sale will be in late February to early March.

Fall Breakfast/Bookfair: Jen Swisher

Book fair will be a pirate theme on Thursday October 13th from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Fall Breakfast will be Friday October 14 from 7:20am-8:25am, donuts and fruit will be served with coffee, milk and juice.

Open Forum:

Trivia Night is Friday January 20th at St. John Vianney. Bring your own food and beverages. NO alcohol will be allowed. A food option will be available for purchase. Will look into raffle options of possibly donated gift cards. Looking for a projector and speaker system to be donated for the event. Raising money for improvements for Mark Twain such as playground equipment. More details will be provided closer to the event.

Drop off and pick up was discussed. The drop off lane needs to continue to move to allow buses access to their lane. If you need to exit your vehicle it is asked that you please use one of the parking spaces.

Yankee Candle: Jennie Blackman

A huge success this year. Raised around \$3000. Notice will be sent home to families when product arrives to come to the school for pick up.

Reminders:

Red Ribbon Run October 28- still looking into options to have for snack and drinks

Skating Party November 3 from 6pm-8pm at Eldridge Skate Park. PTA will pay for admission. Students will have to provide skates or pay for skate rental.

Next PTA meeting is cancelled due to Elections on November 8th. Looking into meeting at a restaurant on November 15th if room is available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm by Jen Swisher

Prepared by: Krystal Bonjour- Secretary