

Union PTO Minutes

September 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Ashley Tilson. The meeting was held virtually on Google Meet. There were 7 people in attendance. There was some difficulty with admittance to the virtual meeting. The PTO apologizes to those who wanted to attend, but were not able to because of the technical difficulties. We will correct the problem for the next meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Heather Crouch reported that the Main Account has a balance of \$7,970.44, the Box Tops Account has a balance of \$2,752.54, and the Special Events Account has a balance of \$5,734.77.

OLD BUSINESS

Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom: Last year PTO voted to provide funds for these two events annually. Donuts with Dad is September 10.

School Reward Programs: PTO would like to remind Union families to scan their receipts for Box Top Rewards. There is no more box top clipping; just download the NEW Box Top app to scan your store receipt. Additionally, you can continue to send in Tyson A+ Rewards and School Spirit UPCs (on Sunbeam/Aunt Millie's bread labels) to earn rewards for our school.

PTO would also like to remind everyone that you can earn money for Union every time you shop at Kroger by enrolling your Kroger card in the community rewards program. Go to krogercommunityrewards.com. Union's assigned non-profit ID number is 53064. You can also earn money for Union PTO by shopping on Amazon through Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the purchase price. Make Union Elementary PTO your organization of choice.

NEW BUSINESS

GaGa Ball: There was some discussion of a turf surface being installed on the GaGa Ball pit. Some students are getting scrapes with the current surface. More research will be done to see if this is needed and what it might cost.

Chili Supper: With much discussion and tribulation, the PTO has decided not to have the Chili Supper on Oct 3. It may be postponed and altered at a later date this year. There are many unknowns this year. There was discussion of a Facebook Auction, Chili-to-go, and other ideas. Consideration was given to the possibility that some businesses may not be able to donate this year, it may be difficult to get beef donated for chili, and COVID-19 rules for schools and communities continue to change weekly.

Fundraising: PTO is searching for creative fundraising ideas that will be easier to accomplish with the current COVID-19 restrictions. Many options were discussed: a walk-a-thon, a dance-a-thon, Papa Murphy's cards, Soapy Joes, candles, popcorn, trash bags, Chicago's cards, virtual cooking classes, spirit wear, etc. Ashley agreed to look into returning to the KJS trash bag fundraiser that the Union PTO has used in the past. Those in attendance agreed to have a Union spirit wear fundraiser that includes Union masks in the next couple weeks.

Bingo: There are plans to have the Purse Bingo fundraiser this school year. When it was cancelled last spring because of COVID-19, The Sycamore at Mallow Run agreed to hold our payment for up to one year from our originally scheduled date.

PTO Presidents' meeting with Dr. Clendening: Dr. Clendening shared that FCS has hired virtual teachers, clinic assistants, and classroom assistants with the CaresAct funds. Dr. Clendening also wanted PTO to make their school community aware that Franklin schools will be going through a redistricting process. Any community members who would like more information about this can attend the Superintendent's Strategic Taskforce meeting on September 30.

MONEY REQUESTS:

Mrs. Smith requested funds for the Reading Counts Rewards. The funds are used for incentives for students who meet Reading Counts goals. Those in attendance voted to provide funds for this rewards program. An amount or an allowance amount is pending approval when an approximate expense amount can be given. Mrs. Smith and the teachers are developing new and creative prizes that won't interfere with the COVID-19 restrictions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 7 at 5:30pm

