

PTO Meeting January 18, 2023

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

President Bridget Arenson called meeting at 6:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Bridget Arenson and Mary Lou Oatman

3. Principal's Report

Principal Amy O'Neal provided report. Principal Amy O'Neal was the judge for the District Spelling Bee in the morning of January 18th. This a New Year a New Start. Open Enrollment for 2023-2024 has started. The Kindergarten Registration is now open.

Kindergarten Open House is January 30th 5:30-6:30.

Running Club Race is January 24th at Snedigar time will be 3:35pm.

February 9th is Science Night 5pm-7:30pm. The night will be a lot of fun. There was Law Enforcement that was going to come to provide some types of forensic activities. They did have to cancel. If anyone has anyone in law enforcement that would be available for the science night, please contact Principal Amy O'Neal.

Chandler Education Foundation (CEF)- They apart of the Chandler Unified District. It is a volunteer board that helps our schools with programs while funding scholarships for students and teachers.

Principal Amy O'Neal reported that CEF is doing a raffle. The tickets will be \$20. You can purchase the tickets at the front Office with Toni Lucas or online (make sure you mention Santan Elementary). CEF allows a great opportunity for projects to be funded.

Principal Amy O'Neal made a request to District for the 5th and 6th grade band and choir for hopefully an expansion. She says that they hope to have orchestra and band with the same music director on both the elementary and junior high side. Principal Amy O'Neal also reports they are wanting to have drama and art. Last on Principal Report: On February 13th the Front Office will be starting what will be significant construction. There will be changes in doors and doors will be added. There will be a door that you will have to be buzzed into get to other part of school once construction is complete. The Front Office will be out of commission for 6-7 weeks. Toni Lucas will be set up in the conference room next to the Principal Office. Shar Christensen will be set up in the conference room across from the nurse's station.

4. New Business

1. Sock Drive

Jonna Winkworth and Keri McHugh will be overseeing this Community Service. The Sock Drive will be January 19th-27th. The students will bring in pairs of sock to their classroom. Those socks will be donated to Clothes Closet and Chandler Care Center.

2. VIP Day

VIP Day was known as Grandparents Day, but was changed to VIP Day- Very Important Person Day (Grandparents, Other Family Members, Friends, Neighbors...). The date of event is January 27th 1:30pm-2:30pm. There will be cookies and

lemonade outside. Activities will be going on in the classrooms. This event will need volunteers.

3. Donuts for Dad

Mary Lou Oatman and Stephanie Bach will be overseeing this event. The event will be February 10. This year a RSVP link will be sent out, so PTO has a better idea about numbers for attendance. The event will be held outside in the amphitheater. Unless it rains, it would be held in the Multipurpose Room.

4. Restaurant Night

Mary Lou Oatman and Stephanie Bach overseeing the events. 2nd Quarter was at Zzeeks Pizza. The amount raised was \$250. 3rd Quarter will be Cookie Rush. Stephanie Bach has tried to reach Cookie Rush, but has not received a response. If she does not hear back from Cookie Rush, another alternative will be made. Cookie Rush is delivered to families the Friday before Spring Break.

5. Conference Dinner

Conferences are February 15th and 16th. Thursday February 16th will be the longest conference day, because the teachers are doing evening conferences too. PTO will be providing dinner on the 16th from Salad and Go.

6. Free Money Fund

Sarah Connolly gave updated report on School Cents. Sarah said that Santan Elementary came in strong at the end. Last year we came in 8th place. Sarah will be going to an award

ceremony in 2 weeks, so she will know what place Santan came in. She reported that 4th place prize is \$1500. Sarah explained that is solid money for PTO.

Bridget reported that American Furniture Warehouse gives PTO a check one time a year, so she is not certain what we have raised for purchases from American Furniture.

There was a surprise amount for Box Tops of \$200.

7. School Projects

There will be a shed purchased this week to replace the shed in the courtyard near amphitheater that is falling apart. The shed will be installed this month. Santan Shop inventory can be stored in the shed. The shed can open to be a concession stand if needed. Amount of shed \$7000.

Bridget provided update on bathroom decals. There would be 1 or 2 decals per each bathroom. The decals were expensive.

Bridget ordered 15. There are 36 bathroom doors. She will not be ordering any more. The decals have motivational sayings on them.

8. 4th Quarter Events

Teacher and Staff Appreciation is on May 8th-12th. Muffins for Mom is on May 12th.

5. Old Business

Carnival-The PTO does not make money from this event. The event is more of a fundraiser for the teachers. The Carnival put a

lot in the teacher accounts. The Silent Auction did very well. Thank you for all of the people that worked on this event.

Santa(n) Shop-Treasurer, Abigail Szymonik and Bridget counted \$12,000 in cash made. Some of the PTO members already started shopping for next years Santa(n) Shop.

State 48 would like to feature Santan Elementary in some of their promotional advertisement. They will be coming to the school to take pictures. Bridget will update when that day will be. Parents can have their child in State 48 shirts if they would like their child's picture taken. Bridget reported that there are extra State 48 shirts available if people are interested.

6. Financial Update

1. Teacher/Grade Level Accounts

Abigail Szymonik reports that the carnival helped replenish the accounts and the kids loved it. There was so much class participation.

2. Budget Overview

Abigail explained that most the money is allocated for the teacher. There is other money in PTO that will be able to float us until the carnival, Santa(n) Shop and Teacher Appreciation. The Harkins and Otter Pop sales do very well. PTO is looking at a large scale fundraiser for the Fall of 2023. The events for 3rd and 4th quarter need to stay in budget unless we want a fundraiser in April.

3. Unfortunately, Abigail and her family will be moving to Northern California in mid-March and we will need to recruit a new co-Treasurer to cover her duties.

- Kerri Mora has agreed to take on these duties. We appreciate her willingness.

Note: Bridget gave information about a fundraiser that the Junior High will be doing that Santan Elementary students might want to donate to, because it is helping out our campus. The Junior High is doing a fundraiser called “Sneakers For Bleachers”. This fundraiser is to purchase new bleachers for the track. Bring in your old sneakers/tennis shoes and drop them off in the box in the Front Office.

Next PTO Meeting will be Wednesday April 12th at 6:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment

President Bridget Arenson adjourned meeting at 7:10 p.m.