

Santan Elementary PTO Meeting

July 28, 2022

I. Meeting called to order 6:30pm by Bridget Arenson.

Bridget Arenson did roll call.

Board Members:

- **President-Bridget Arenson**

Vice President-Kerri Mora

- **Treasurer-Abigail Szymonik**
- **Secretary-Michelle Coill**
- **Hospitality**
 - Stephanie Bach
 - Keri McHugh
 - Mary Lou Oatman
 - Tyra Ortiz
 - Jonna Winkworth
 - Tori Fortney
 - Marlene Soto
 - Lori Herman (also CSB Liason)
- **Teacher Liasons**
 - Hannah Ross
 - Johanna Evans

II. Minutes approved by Vice President Kerri Mora, Board Member Marylou Oatman and Board Member Tori Fortney.

III. Principal's Report

Principal Amy O'Neal is very excited for the New Year. We are starting on "Normalish" year. First week assembly was last week talking about Safety in the school. Today (July 28, 2022) we had are first Fall Assembly with Dr. Blake Brandes "The Power of The Yet". The students expressed that they had so much fun at the assembly today. Things are moving along nicely. Thank you parents

for coming tonight and being involved in your child's school. We appreciate it and the students appreciate the parents' involvement in the school. Thank you.

IV. New Business

i. Calendar of Events for 2022-2023

A Calendar of Events for the year went home with your child this week. The first and second quarter are 100% dates set. Third and fourth are set, open for possible changes.

ii. Back to School Bingo

Board Members Keri McHugh, Vice President Kerri Mora and President Bridget Arenson are running the Back to School Bingo. The Bingo Night will be on Friday August 26, 2022 5pm-8pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The event is Free. You can pay for Daubers (\$2.00) or you can bring your own pen, pencil or even crayon. There will be an on-line registration for this event.

iii. Otter Pops

Vice President Kerri Mora will be running this event. Kerri reported that the dates for the Otter Pops are on the Calendar of Events that was sent home with students. Fridays they usually have as the snack days. They had Otter Pops, Rice Krispies and Cotton Candy. Fourth Quarter they are not going to have the snacks, due to classes having other celebrations. When snacks were being delivered there would be students with a cupcake in their hand as a PTO member is coming in with Otter Pops. Kerri reported that she will be setting up a Sign-Up Genius for the grades. \$10 to sponsor a class. You don't have just to sponsor just your child's class. You can sponsor other classes.

iv. Pumpkin Fest (Fall Carnival)

PTO Secretary Michelle Coill and Board Member Marlene Soto will be running this event. Michelle Coill reported that the carnival is on November 18, 2022 5pm-9pm. There will be bounce houses, food trucks, a train, disc jockey, small vendors, teacher booths, photo area, contest and silent auction. We need volunteers. Committees are open so you can

choose where you would like to volunteer. Michelle Coill informed attendees at meeting that there is a sign-up sheet for committees.

v. Other Events

-Restaurant Night

Board Members Stephanie Back and Marylou Oatman will be running this event once a quarter. The first Restaurant Night will be at Yolove Frozen Yogurt 1900 W Germann Rd Chandler, AZ. August 18, 2022 1pm-9:30pm.

-Santan Shop

PTO President Bridget Arenson reported that the Santan Shop will be the first week of December (December 9th). We do not use outside companies. PTO members have already been doing tons of shopping for the Santan Shop. All items will be quality items. We do need volunteers for the shop.

vi. Spirit Wear Online Store

Board Members Stephanie Bach, Marylou Oatman, President Bridget Arenson and

Marlene Soto have been working on the new designs for the inventory for the Santan Spirit Wear Shop. Bridget reported that the store link will be sent out tomorrow or the weekend...next week for sure by PTO. PTO would like to try to have the Spirit Wear Shop open one time every quarter. The purchase from the spirit shop will be dropped off to the oldest child (If parent does not feel the oldest child will follow through and get the items home, please make sure to note the other sibling who will be receiving the items). Note: Fridays the students show their spirit by wearing something Santan.

Vii. Free Money Fundraisers

Board Member Sarah Connolly in the past has handle the school cents fundraiser. Students were sent home with the information on Free Money Fundraisers. Sarah reported that if you shop at Chandler Fashion Mall the purchases there can go towards Santan Elementary. You simply register your receipts on-line www.shopandlog.com/chandler . Last year we raised around \$750. We also have a box located at the front office for school cents.

Box tops President Bridget Arenson reports is a little more challenging because it is on-line now. No more cutting out the squares. Download the Box Tops app. You scan your store receipt. Need to do within a week of future.

Fry's Community Rewards President Bridget Arenson reported to link VIP card to Santan and a percentage of the purchase goes to the school. Go onto frysfood.com to link VIP Card to Santan Elementary PTO.

American Furniture Warehouse is and other way to earn money for Santan. President Bridget Arenson reported we earned up to \$600 last year.

vii. School Projects

President Bridget Arenson reported that to support our school, we have a really healthy bank account. In return, we will finish off some projects.

Unifying bathrooms-Meaning-Putting decals on doors and making them aesthetically appealing.

Snack Shack-President Bridget Arenson reported that Fridays use to be snack in the morning at the Snack Shack before class. The snack shack is not pretty and is being used as storage. We need to get rid of the snack shack and put something more functional there. It is too small for storage. If anyone knows how to how to remove the shack or could help with this project we need assistance. If you don't know how to help with this project of getting rid of the Snack Shack and putting something more functional; do you have contacts?

V. Old Business

President Bridget Arenson and Treasurer Abigail Szymonik reported that last year we did not use much of our money. The Carnival was cancelled so we had that money. We did do the Santan Shop and Cookie Rush and did very well. We are doing very well in the PTO account area. Not much spending last year due to COVID.

VI. Financial Update

v. Teacher/Grade Level Accounts

-PTO Treasurer Abigail Szymonik reported that we put \$100 into each teacher's account. This is to assist with books and supplies for classroom. We gifted that to the teacher's, because our main function is to help support them. We upped the budget for 2022-2023 for teacher appreciation. Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms gives the students a chance to show off their school. The Moms and Dads come on the campus. It seemed that there needed to be less coffee for dads more coffee for moms.

-President Bridget Arenson reports that we don't currently plan to do a fundraiser in the spring, but we have that option if we decide to do a fundraiser.

vi. New online payment

Treasurer Abigail Szymonik reported that there is no more zell account. PTO will now be using Paypal as are online payment source. A QR Code will be provided to Santan families starting with are Back to School Bingo Night. Santan families will still use the same email for processing Payment.

vii. Back up Assistance

Treasure Abigail Szymonik needs a back-up with monitoring the account and the needs of being treasurer. Tracy Shelle stated that she would assist. Voted. Motion Approved by Vice President Kerri Mora and Board Member Marylou Oatman. Co Treasurer is Tracy Shelle. Congratulations Tracy.

viii. Added Notes

President Bridget reported that if you see an event that you are passionate about having at school, bring it to the PTO Boards attention. We might ask you who will be leading the event and who will be assisting you.

Do not forget Santan has an Art Masterpiece volunteer meeting on August 9, 2022 at 11:30am in the Fulton Theater inside the library.

Pumpkin Fest Meeting August 9th at 10:15am and 6pm. Secretary Michelle Coill and Board Member Marlene Soto will follow up with place of meeting.

VII. Adjournment

PTO Meeting end time 7:26pm by President Bridget Arenson.