

Summary of the Sherman Elementary PTSA General Membership Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: December 11th, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Meeting Location: In-Person @ the Library; Virtual on Zoom, Link at ShermanPTSA.com

Meeting member notification: Posted on website, school bulletin board, social media and around the building.

Quorum: 10

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Sam Griffin at 6:34pm

Housekeeping:

- Attendees: In-Person and Zoom
- Approval of November 2024 Minutes
 - Member motioned to approve, Member 2nd, unanimous approval.

Standing Order

November 2024 Financial Review was Shared

- Balances as of November 30th, 2024 Checking is \$80,480.58, Savings is \$35,013.89.

New/Upcoming Business

Membership

- 93 Members Registered

Upcoming Events

- Night Market 12/12
 - Discussion about whether volunteers need a background check for this event; teachers advised that at events where guardians are present do not have the same requirements as field trips or working 1-to-1 with students.
 - Totes may not make delivery by the event. They are \$15.
 - Students will have the option to give items they are selling to a bag for sale at the auction in March.
 - Event Chair is feeling prepared and answered other questions about Tiger Bucks, flow, and expectations.
 - Tiger Bucks pre-sales end at 4:45PM Thursday on Givebacks.
- Yearbook Update
 - Kids are enjoying it and parents have shared that this activity and Night Market are engaging for their children. Teacher, agreed the involvement and dedication from the kids has been amazing.
 - Discussion about adding 5th grade pages that can be purchased to offset the overall cost. Pros were an opportunity to highlight graduates and have some funds raised. Cons were the yearbook being too long, too 5th grade heavy (there is already a 5th grade camp page0
- Mascot debut 12/13. Name options are Cheney, Echo, Rusty, and Stripes. Students will vote by applause and cheers at the Friday assembly.
- Coffee with the Principal: TBD
- Spirit Month: Fridays in January; PJ Day, Rainbow Day, Hat Day, Inside Out Day.
- Talent Show: Auditions 1/14 and 1/16 (3:10-5 after school)
 - Rehearsal: 2/6 (3:10-5)
 - Performance: 2/7 at 6pm
 - Audio equipment is needed, not only for this event but also for school assemblies, concerts, and potentially a mobile option that could be used at the auction, theater venues for Sherman Children's Theatre, or music at events.
 - A committee to research what type of equipment was suggested. Participants from each user group (theatre, talent show, etc.) on the committee would be requested. A chair is needed.

Theatre Updates

- Auditions were held November 21 and 22. The committee received many positive comments about how it was run this year from staff and families.
- The first cast read-through was earlier today and all participants had their measurements taken for costumes. Regular practices begin January 6th.
- Shows are May 2nd and 3rd at Silas High School.

Inclusion and Belonging

- Looking at other schools and PTSA's for examples.

Principal Updates

- There is a new safety team this year and the school is updating emergency disaster plans. Communication will be coming out about dismissals in an emergent event.
- She is sad to miss the Night Market but looking forward to the STEAM assembly.

Counselor's Corner

- Not present.

STEAM Updates

- Not present.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Auction: 3/22
 - It is an auction, the committee has made decisions about venue, catering, and ambience (jazz). Sub-Chairs have been assigned. There is a signup on the PTSA website and more help is needed. There are many ways to assist, small and large time commitments.
 - The event is at Slavonian Hall in Old Town and Jan Parker, local celebrity chef, is catering.
 - This year's goal is to increase attendance over an increase in funds raised over previous years.
- Staff Appreciation Week: 5/5-5/9; looking for volunteers.
- Tiger Trot: 5/30; Chair found but looking for a co-chair.
- Carnival: 6/13; the carnival could use new energy or ideas. We need chairs.

Questions! Comments! Feedback!

Open Floor

Adjournment 7:27PM

Minutes taken by Carly Eudaily