

OSTMANN ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING

Monday, November 6, 2018 • 4:15 pm

Minutes

Jenny Canfield, President

Introductions of the board members and welcome to everyone

Cary Jennings, Principal

Principal's Report

Welcome to our teachers; thank you for being here. The first quarter just ended, and we had the parent-teacher conference and we had great turnout as always. We want to thank the PTO for supplying dinner after school and before the conferences began for the evening.

Please remember that voting is tomorrow, so there is no school tomorrow.

A couple of reminders: Bingo Night this Friday. Veterans Day is Monday, November 12 in the morning. Call us if you need the forms, if anyone wants to be a part of the event.

I really want to say thank you to the parents for all the support with the Walk for Ostmann this past September. We couldn't do the Walk without you!! We do this event because we hope you like not having to sell items and are focused on longevity of impact and what we can do to help all of our students and teachers.

The funds have been directed to wide-reaching initiative, such as:

- Projector
- Sound system
- Big screen
- Carpets in all room

This year the plan is to allocate funds to help with communication and supervision by putting radios in ALL classrooms. This is really important for many reasons, ranging from security to classroom support. We're pleased that we can earmark funds from the walk for something so significant.

Sandy Connors, Administrative Intern

I don't have anything to add, but I would like to personally thank everyone for all the support of our school.

Sam Schaeperkoetter, Vice President

Walk for Ostmann

We had a super successful walk, so thank you to parents and children. There was a record number of volunteers for the day, which was awesome! As far as putting on the Walk itself, I want to thank the committee members who were involved. They helped so much.

On the day of the event, we all had so much fun. We know the kids loved the spaceship activities and the weather was perfect for the outdoor portion of the event. We ended up raising just over \$33,000. This is a phenomenal response, especially for the third year!! We should all be really excited to be able to support and help the school. If you have questions about how the funds have been used, please reach out with any questions.

Jill Heller, Treasurer

Budget Report

Our budget is up to date through October.

Main expenses last 2 months include:

- Walk expenses, such as paying for Pledgestar service Kona ice
- PTO magnet
- Teacher reimbursements — reminder to teachers to submit that!
- Club reimbursements
- Book pockets and card sleeves
- SPED Pencil boxes / red crayons
- Flash card pockets SPED
- Brain Spring Flash Card Pockets
- 95% Group Phonics Posters

Jenny Canfield, President

Committees Report

- Volunteer – Kirstie Tune does not have any needs at this time.
- Bulletin Boards – Laurie Eppler is doing a great job with the bulletin boards.
- Rebates – Box tops, collecting through the year, send in with your student.
- Spirit Wear – Jen Pontello – winter sale that starts on Nov 6 – Nov 20. We will have 2 new designs. Can order online now — <https://www.americanstitched.com/spirit-wear/ostmann-elementary>
- Staff Recognition and Meals – Jen Pontello and Jenny Canfield are working together to coordinate this. For staff meal on conference day, we were fortunate to have that catered as a donation from Concetta's in St. Charles; whose children attend Ostmann. We had a lot great feedback that it was delicious and we really appreciate the donation and doing something nice for our teachers on such a busy day.
 - Will need to get some volunteers for desserts for the Holiday Staff lunch in December.
- Staff Appreciation Week – in May, so nothing to report

- Spring Art Show – Nichole Ruby, the date is TBD since Mrs. Schaub will be on maternity leave
- Breakfast with Santa – Nichole Ruby is the committee chair. They will be meeting on Wednesday, November 7 if anyone would like to be a part of the committee. The event is on Saturday, December 8, so look for more information soon.
- Buzz Book – done and sent out. Thanks to Stacy Youmans for putting that together.
- Family Fun Night – Trunk or Treat was a lot of fun! There was a great turn out. Many thanks to Lindsey Sarver for putting it together.
 - Bingo Night is this Friday. Send in RSVP so we know how many pizzas we need to order and it also helps to know how many tables need to be reserved.

PTO – use the new facebook page, and make sure to tell other people about it.

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