

PTO Meeting Minutes November 2018

November 1, 2018

Carolyn Thigpen opened the meeting. Minutes from last month's meeting were read and approved. Christy Grass presented treasurer's report. She is in the process of balancing the books with Amy Gibson's records to determine a final balance. She shared that a \$1000 donation was made to PTO for the purchase of Chromebooks.

Fundraising ideas discussed were sharing the fundraiser goal with grandparents, parents, and community members & asking for donations, using Donor's Choose website to post projects, hosting a Casino Night fundraiser, and holiday food fundraisers.

Mr. Bunch shared that Donor's Choose is limited by \$2500 per individual teacher and that Mr. White and Mrs. Ortega each got 11 Chromebooks last year. Carolyn Thigpen said she would get a Donor's Choose request ready that could be submitted in various teacher's names. The possibility of contacting grandparents sharing the need and asking for donations was discussed. Carolyn Thigpen said she'd work on getting a list of grandparents from Madison Creative Arts Academy. Having a Casino Night fundraiser was discussed. A date of March 2nd was set. Carolyn said she would send out donation letters asking for donations from businesses. Location was discussed and we decided to use JMPHS. Christy Grass said there was a company who will rent out all of the equipment needed. She will check back to see if she can find that information for the next meeting. Holiday food fundraisers were discussed. Christy Androski volunteered to contact Addison and Ethan Spires' mom, Christa Laurenzo, about the possibility of selling Waffle House pies before Christmas. We should try to seek out volunteers to do some cold calling asking for donations.

Discussed helping in some way with disaster relief for a charter school in the panhandle. Mr. Justin Bell is currently a teacher at a charter school there. We said donating money at this point would probably be best. Darla Dee, Vice President, was not present at the meeting, but had talked with Carolyn Thigpen about heading this up.

The group set a fundraising goal of \$15,000 for the year to buy two carts and Chromebooks to fill them.

Meeting time was moved from the first Thursday to the second Thursday of each month. Next meeting was set for December 13th at 5:30 pm.