

PTO Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024

Balance: \$20,275.97 in the checking account.

Therapy Dog – Mr. Wendler and Ms. Kraus, Special Ed Pathways instructor, would like to look into getting a therapy dog for school. Ms. Kraus has a one-year old dog, Remy, they would like to train and certify. They are asking if PTO would be willing to pay for the training with Stone Hollow and the therapy certification. They are thinking it will be around \$3,000. Ms. Kraus is meeting with Tory from Stone Hollow on Thursday to see if he thinks Remy would even be an option. PTO agreed to have Ms. Kraus move forward and meet with Tory and see what he says. A contract would need to be signed with a certain number of years Ms. Kraus and Remy would have to remain at CES or all fees would need to be returned to CES PTO. They are hoping to have numerous handlers trained.

Fence – Fence signage has arrived. Mr. Wendler is going to see if high school students would install for Cougar Pride Day.

Bingo – Jill Knepper is going to purchase popcorn and salt. 5th graders will set up tables. Mr. Wendler will call out numbers. Will do one card person to make sure everyone gets one, then people can get more if wanted. Mr. Wendler will put popcorn buckets through the dishwasher ahead of time. Volunteers will arrive around 6:00-6:15.

Color Run: Business donations so far are \$6,210. 99 Pledges is ready to go. Big prizes will be Nintendo Switch and game, 32 in. TV, electric scooter, 2 Razor scooters (Steph Zalaznik will purchase), Spike Ball, Colin Rea signed gear/apparel, one-hour court/cage rental at Batter's Box. Kick off will be April 22nd. Talked about having everyone except PreK return envelopes by Friday, May 10th and PreK on Monday, May 13th to give Tammy Connolly more time to count all donations. Will need to draw for prizes Monday, May 13th after school. Lisa Aschtgen ordered goldfish from Sue Knepper. Steph Zalaznik talked to Decker's again and they will donate the money to purchase the string cheese. Lisa Aschtgen will reach out to Sue Knepper to see if an option to order through school, if not, will purchase from Sam's Club. Would need around 300. Mr. Wendler will order banner once all businesses have sent in their logos. Weekly prizes – cookout (hot dog and chips), ice cream party or pizza party. Cookout can be an option each week, pizza party is only available to be picked once.

Other – 5th grade Camp Courageous trip is \$1,644. They are going to look into other options for next year since in years past students have not got to do the best activities. Will need to make sure PTO email is on business letters next year and not Kendra Kedley's personal email.

Next meeting will be May 1st at 5:00 at The Corner Taproom. Need to discuss if we are letting family members run with students like in the past and who will be picking up the banner.