



PTO Minutes

Date: September 6, 2023

Next Meeting: October 4, 2023

Minutes from Wednesday, September 6, 2023

The Knob Noster Elementary PTO met in the KNE Cafeteria. Bethany Coffland, Vice President, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Doug Brown, Interim Treasurer, gave an update. A full report was unavailable at the time due to a paperwork issue at the bank that is being worked out. PTO currently has a treasury balance of approximately \$12,224.04.

Doug Brown shared the Principal's Report. KNE's focus this year is "Get Connected." We'll focus on building and strengthening relationships between staff, students, families, and our community. KNE achieved Lighthouse Status as a Leader in Me school last spring, so we are excited to share that with parents and our community. Our building goals focus on leadership, reading, and math. We want our students to grow into leaders and good citizens. We want our students to excel in reading and math, as well. Currently, enrollment is 514 students.

PTO approved funding for books for Ms. Murphy's 4th grade class (approximately \$200).

PTO also approved a request for funding from Nurse Crystal for hygiene items for 5th grade (approximately \$200). The program that previously provided these items is no longer available.

PTO will also sponsor author Stephen Kozan's visit on October 13. He teaches kids the process of becoming a published author. Then he does a writing competition and chooses one student from our school to work with to develop a book that he publishes and sells. What a great opportunity!

PTO received letters of thanks from summer school students and staff for funding field trips and events. Students and staff enjoyed them very much!

KNE had a fall Title Reading and Math Family Night on Tuesday, August 29. Families heard from our Title I teachers and everyone enjoyed ice cream following the presentation. Far fewer families came to the event than the number who RSVPed, so we had a lot of ice cream sandwiches left over.

However, none went to waste—every KNE student got an ice cream sandwich in the days following the event.

In new business, officer vacancies were filled. Cat Plakorus will be president this year. Lindsey Edwards will be Vice-President. Dana Smith will remain the Secretary. Jenn Sutton will be Treasurer. Tina Kent will keep the KNE PTO Facebook page up-to-date.

This year's fall book fair will be September 25-29, 2023, with a "Wish List Day" on the Friday before (where students preview the fair and make their wish lists). The fair will also be open between 5-7:30 during the Chili/Bingo Family Night on Tuesday, September 26. It will also be open Thursday, September 28 from 3:30-5:30PM. PTO members who would like to volunteer are encouraged to sign up on the Signup Genius link that was sent out.

Our annual Chili/Bingo Family Night will be on Tuesday, September 26 from 5:00-7:30, with chili being served at 5:30PM. Admission is free to PTO members and \$7 for non-members. Membership forms will be available that night for those who would like to join PTO for \$5. The book fair will open at 5:00. Chili will be served starting at 5:30 and Bingo will be from 6:00-7:00. Dana Smith will make and send out a signup sheet for chili, crackers, cheese, and Fritos. This year, there will again be a chili contest. The chili with the most votes from the crowd wins a traveling trophy and Amazon gift card! Bingo prizes will be items from the book fair. Dana will make gift certificates that can be redeemed at the fair. Kelsey Long volunteered to call numbers for bingo.

Last spring, we prepared an application packet for our first KNE PTO scholarship for a KN graduating senior. The application is ready to go and Dana and Doug will send it to the appropriate sources at the high school.

The annual Fall Festival will be on Friday, October 20. This event is coordinated by KNE PTO, the Leadership Events & Environment Team, and the Student Party & Events Planning Team. Last spring, the student team discussed what stations they'd really love to see again. The event is still in the planning stages, but based on their recommendations, PTO agreed to go ahead and reserve the petting zoo and look into bounce houses (we'll try for 2 houses at not more than \$600 total.) More info will be shared at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Smith, Secretary