



Dr. Mona Jain Middle School
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020

Call to Order: 5:31pm

Welcome: President

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from November 16, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

Board Reports

- **President:** The secretary position on the board remains vacant as well as committee chairs for Teacher Appreciation, Spirit, and Fundraising. The school is sponsoring a community service project to support a Tampa nursing home. PTO will assist with the promotion of items needed.
- **Treasurer:** Current balance is \$2,692.50. A budget for the year was presented with the intention to approve at the January 2021 PTO meeting. Income this year is significantly limited due to COVID-19. The Direct Give Drive (name change from Sponsorship Drive) will be relaunched in early January. Other income sources include Amazon Smiles, Turkey Gram sales from November and Spirit Nights. Expenses include: operating expenses/insurance/accounting; Spirit Night advertising; classroom supplies, including copying expenses; food bundles during the holidays for families in need; American Education Week; First Friday Teacher Appreciation; Teacher Appreciation Week; support for 8th grade recognition; and dances (not budgeted for 2021 due to COVID-19).

Committee Reports

- **Spirit Night** – The next Spirit Night is Tuesday, December 15, 2020 with Domino’s Pizza (3 locations in Lakewood Ranch; carry-out or delivery). Additional scheduled Spirit Nights include CB’s Pizza and Grill on SR70 (January 12, 2021); Dairy Queen on SR64 (February 24, 2021) and Texas Roadhouse on SR70 (April 5, 2021). A parent volunteer is working on securing dates for Wolves Head and Culvers.
- **Fundraising** – The Sponsorship Drive will be renamed the Direct Give Drive and will relaunch on January 11, 2021. The letter was revised to clearly state the purpose and goal and to remove the option to designate a department or club. All donations will go into a general fund and departments or clubs can submit requests to the PTO for funding support. The distribution strategy will be the new Manatee County electronic notification (Peachjar). The board is exploring other options to increase distribution. There was discussion to have a token, such as a bumper sticker or shirt, depending on the donation level. This idea will be further evaluated.

Principal's Report

- Mrs. Lindsey thanked the PTO for the money for the printing fund and for any assistance on the nursing home community service project. The school will be collecting toiletries, socks, and other items and the ELA classes will be writing letters.
- Beginning in January, restrictions on campus visitors may be revised. In addition, it may be possible to resume some sports and assemblies. Picture day is planned for January 13, 2021.

Old Business

- **February Virtual Event** – Last year PTO sponsored a Valentine's dance. In place of the dance, the PTO would like to sponsor a virtual event. Ideas were discussed including a Tik Tok Dance Off, a coding assembly, painting event, or a virtual scavenger hunt.

New Business

- **PTO Budget** – The budget reviewed under the Treasurer's Report will be voted on at the January 11, 2021 meeting.
- **Direct Give Drive** – This primary fundraiser for the PTO will be relaunched on January 11, 2021.

Upcoming Events:

Next PTO Meeting Date: Monday, January 11, 2020

2021 Meeting Dates: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 19 and May 17

Spirit Nights:

- Tuesday, December 15, 2020 – Domino's Pizza (3 locations in Lakewood Ranch)
- Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – CB's Pizza and Grill (SR70)
- Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – Dairy Queen (SR64)
- Monday, April 5, 2021 – Texas Roadhouse (SR70)

First Friday Teacher Appreciation: Friday January 8, 2021 (PTO sponsored – classroom supplies)

Adjournment: 5:55pm