



PTO General Meeting – 2nd Quarter

November 18th, 2025 - Virtual via Zoom

5:30 Mix and Mingle; Meeting begins promptly at 5:45

I. Call to Order - 5:35PM

■ Welcome

(Nick Simone-Finstrom)

- Treasurer's Report (Elisabeth Cherry/Darbi Kaltakdjian)
 - Poinsettia Sales - \$340 in sales
 - Give Back nights - Jason's Deli \$235, Pizza Artista \$275, waiting on Cane's. \$115 from Marble Slab at Fall Social
- Committee Chairs
 - Communications - starting on December PTO newsletter, let Julie know if anyone has flier needs
 - Decorating - updating scarecrows Friday, decorating for Thanksgiving lunch Thursday morning.
 - Fundraising - poinsettias arriving December 3, 10-1 or 4-5:30. Upcoming give backs for January - Off the Hook, Pizza Artista, Panera Bread and Wendy's
 - Recycling
 - Room Parents - Monthly reminders have been going out to grade levels for luncheons, class parties emails will come out soon. No issues gathering donations for birthday celebrations.
 - School Beautification - formalized a committee of 5 parents working on the gardens for our first work day in September. 15 volunteers, lots of prek and kindergarten families, community members. Garden Guardians - adult gardening club that meets the second Tuesday of each month started last week. This will be general upkeep under the guidance of Dr. Legoria.
 - Social
 - Teacher Appreciation - December 18th, holiday teacher luncheon, sign up will go out for some volunteering, donations.
- Current Business (Nick Simone-Finstrom and Jenna deBarros)

- Fall Social Success - parents enjoyed the gathering at the beginning of the year, mingling opportunity.
 - I <3 WHAM t-shirts - red shirts that each kid received, also admin and teachers. Everyone wore them on World Kindness Day, Friday the 14th.
 - PTO Teacher Luncheon
 - Read-a-Thon - this will kick off in January after kids get back. This is a PTO Fundraiser. Each kid will be able to pick a book to keep from a selection of books, appropriate to reading levels. Books should be finished being bought in December.
 - Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Poinsettia Final Numbers
 - Room Parents - Gearing up for upcoming Holiday Parties
 - Mrs. James needs some help organizing White Light Night - she needs volunteers to tape up art work during the week.
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- Public Comments/Questions (General Membership)
 - Comment that a zoom virtual meeting is really easy to hear - hard to hear in the gym.
 - Maybe we can have our next meeting in the cafeteria instead so that we can hear each other better.
 - White Light Nights starts at 6, setup starts at 5.
 - Questions about Girls on the Run, we will send out communication next year so that people can cheer on the attendees.
 - Question about what an event would need to be that would serve as an effective fundraiser. - Elle Marie wants to do a fashion show for the kids, perhaps connect with LSU's fashion club, we could sell tickets, have swag bags for VIP, 225 magazine might want to be involved, this would need to be made "WHAM" style. This event will need its own committee.
 - Question about whether our PTO membership had gone up since the beginning of the year - this has pretty much stayed the same.
 - Please send any ideas for reasonably priced Readathon prizes - we can try Read Stick Reads or TBR, Line for Line
 - We are trying to do parent meet ups - kid free, meeting parents and getting together.
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- Closure of Meeting (Nick Simone-Finstrom)