

# **PTO SUNSHINE CLUB**

## **Meeting Minutes**

August 24, 2023

### **Call to order**

**Debbie Beall** called to order the regular meeting of the **Lowcountry Montessori PTO Sunshine Club** at **8:30 am** on **August 25, 2023** at the **Lowcountry Montessori**

### **Attendees**

NAME
Debbie Beall
Kristine Scott
Jennifer Taylor Petersen
Deborah Wesser
Jennifer Poole
Valerie Romig
Monica Benavides

### **TREASURY REPORT**

- a) Balance of \$1500

### **MISC BUSINESS**

- a) SLED background checks required for all PTO participants
- b) PTO has access online through LMS website using families drop down for PTO info
- c) Will include updates in Lowcountry Lowdown to keep communication open so every year it does not feel like PTO s starting over

### **NOMINATION & CONFIRMATION**

- a) Ruby Jackson – 2023-2025 Treasurer
- b) Valerie Romig – 2023 -2025 Vice President
- c) Kristine Scott – 2023 – 2025 Membership Recruiter (new position to get members to stay & participate w/o coming to meeting

### **WEST MAUI CHUNK FOR CHANGE**

- a) Only 1 school in Maui open w/ 1000 kids on waitlist
- b) August 29 hosting chunk for change am d/o & p/m p/u to benefit the Maui School System Communities

### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

- a) Spirit nights are imperative fundraiser for PTO and have secured locations and dates for Fat Patties, Hearth Pizza & Marias Mexican – pending Way back burgers & Carolina Tavern

- b) Use funds for Insurance renewal – current year will be \$535 and does not include for criminal and fraud
  - Must have insurance for events because we do not fall under LMS umbrella
- c) Discount Cards will be finalized and printed by Sep 15
  - Added new business and secured prior locations
  - Will sell 1 for \$10 or 2 for \$15
  - Only .51 cost per card so good profit fundraiser
  - November staff appreciation all staff will receive 1 card
  - Spotlight businesses on cards to increase purchase quantity
  - Target Car Rider Lane drop off
- d) Committee needs to meet to get percentages of funding to what withing the school
  - Sponsor Trips
  - Staff Appreciation –
  - Monthly Family Nights & events
  - Misc expenses
  - School contributions to capital improvements
- e) Harvest Fest Fundraising next meeting to need create a basket: Holiday Starter Basket
  - Kristine offered to include a free photo session

### **EVENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

- a) Spent funds on August teacher appreciation pens
- b) Purchased a Connect 4 large game with case for after school care
- c) September 15<sup>th</sup> will be first bingo night
  - Free lemonade & bottle waters with ice cream intermission
  - Tickets are \$4 for adults Kids are free
  - Goal to last 1.5 – 2 hours
  - Adults will get jackpot prize of \$50 gift card – continual jackpot that gets capped at \$200 and \$5 gift card prize for regular bingo
  - Prizes to kids are \$5 or less
  - Goal is to increase socialization and participation withing the school
  - Will have coloring books for kids
- d) Staff Appreciation ideas include taco bar, Salad Bar, Potato Bar, Casserole Take Away, Pie Day, One Pot Meals
- e) Set dates at next meeting for rest of year Staff Appreciation

### **CLOSING**

- a) School Board is beginning a grievance committee
- b) Suggested for a standardized way to correct students
- c) Wants parents to participate at monthly board meetings

### **NEXT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 28 @ 3:45 PM – HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM**

**Debbie Beall** adjourned the meeting at **9:45 am**.