

Hello Everyone,

Sorry that this has taken me so long to send out. Somehow, the time has gotten away from me.

Here is the information discussed during the last PTO meeting as well as updates on the goings on at Berean Academy

1. Board Meeting this morning @ 10am to discuss the possibility of building 4 new classrooms in the Elementary wing and bringing Becca Czirjak as the PTO representative to the Berean Academy Board. (The notice of this meeting was posted this morning on the doors to the school)
2. Fundraising:
 - a. We have raised a total of \$900 in various fundraisers (Box tops, Schoolstore.com, electronics recycling)
 - b. PTO helped sponsor the Principal's Honor Roll Breakfast with Mr. Bennett last Friday (\$70) for 60+ kids
 - c. PTO also paid \$50.00 as a donation to Humane Society as payment for "Santa" at December's Breakfast with Santa
 - d. We continue to collect Box tops, Electronics, Campbell's labels and we continue to participate in Schoolstore.com
 - e. Currently, we have \$779.
 - f. We will have a nachos sale on Thursday 2/17 to fundraise for PTO
3. Music Department is holding a Father Daughter Dance this Friday to help fund their trip to Los Angeles at the end of the year. Cost is \$8.00 per family, tickets can be purchased through her. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us.
4. Athletics Department:
 - a. To date they have raised \$3439.09
 - b. Discussed issues surrounding traveling to Phoenix for games and the added time and money (gas) it takes to try and make it successful.
 - c. Currently they have fundraised through a Spaghetti dinner at the Windemere Hotel (for which the hotel took 1/3 of the profits)
 1. Discussed having the next dinner/event here at Berean Academy so that they can retain ALL profits.
 2. Would mean asking for volunteers to help with cooking/cleaning.
 3. Coach Roth has handed in a detailed summary of what the funds have been allocated for (to include boys baseball jerseys, girls softball jerseys, materials for batting cage, gloves, batting cage balls, etc).
 4. If anyone would like to see this paperwork, let me know; it is filed with PTO paperwork.
 5. Other Fundraisers planned include: Xbox night, 3 on 3 basketball tournament
 6. Coach is also interested in obtaining netting for baseball range and is to look for information regarding what it will take to obtain some.
5. Flea Market
 - a. Looking at April 2 or 9th to hold a flea market at Berean Academy
 - b. We would need to advertise for rental of tables/spots to the community
 - c. We could advertise in Craig's List, newspapers in the area
 - d. Possible rental fee: \$8.00/space
 - e. We could sell breakfast sandwiches and drinks to make more money.
 - f. We could have Elementary, middle and high school to donate certain items in order to make it easier for PTO
 - g. Need volunteers to be present during flea market and to research how much it would cost to advertise in the newspaper

6. History Night: April 28th
 - a. Elementary wing will have country projects
 - b. 4-6th graders will perform during event
 - c. ? Should we sell hot dogs/cotton candy/popcorn for the event?
 1. We would need volunteers to help as cashier/concessions
7. Reviewed upcoming events:
 - a. 2/10: 3rd Grade trip to Willie Wonka in Tucson
 - b. 2/11: Father Daughter Dance
 - c. 2/24: Free Dress Day and pictures for all students
 1. Need one volunteer to help shuffle students through; If anyone can help, please let me know
 - d. 3/3: Dr. Seus's Birthday: Green Eggs and Ham for Elementary Wing
 - e. 3 /4: High School Dance
 - f. 3/11: Animal Awareness Day: More information to come
 - g. 3/22 to 3/25: Book Fair in Multipurpose room
 - h. 3/24-25: Parent Teacher Conferences
 - i. April 21: Talent Show (k-12th Grades)
 - j. May 13: Mother Son Dance
 - k. May 24: Baccalaureate Service
 - l. May 25: 8th Grade Transition Ceremony
 - m. May 26: Kindergarten Graduation
8. Ideas to talk more about:
 - a. Thursday envelopes so that parents can EXPECT notes/notices from the school: would need coordination between teachers and office staff.
 - b. Donuts & Coffee for transition grades at the beginning of the school year
 1. Ex: New 1st grade parents would be present to help/answer any concerns of the incoming Kindergarten parents
 - c. Donation of some funds for Mr. Johnson (a 3rd grade parent and volunteer for 3 years) in his time of need.
 1. Mr. Johnson has been helping the school for 3 years for no pay and has recently been given temporary custody of his grandson.
 2. All of the PTO members who have responded to my previous email have said that they would be ok with allocating some funds to this family. All of you have been very generous in this and have even offered to help outside of the PTO. THANK YOU. It is only because of your kindness and sense of giving that we can really make the PTO and Berean Academy into a family. As soon as I find out more information regarding the cost of litigation/paperwork I will let you know the amount of money we are talking about and how this will need to impact our fundraising for the remainder of the year in order to still help out the school organizations. This is why I went ahead and planned the Nachos Sale for next week

Next PTO meeting is February 22 @ 5:15pm. Please plan on attending and if you can't but you have opinions regarding any of the above, please let me know and I will make sure to bring it up so that we can discuss it on your behalf during the meeting.

Have a good day everyone!

Sincerely,
Beth Kyles