

Emerson PTA Meeting

September 14, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order 7:05pm Motion by Erin Marani, first and Vivian Noble, second
- II. Approval of May 2021 minutes - Mimi Meehan, first and Holly Bland, second
- III. Officer Report
 - a. Principal's Report Ms. Stealy, REACH teacher, thank you for the supportive PTA, treats, spirit week on-going kids are having fun, volunteers are clearing garden areas and prepping for Fall planting. Ms. Delockery looking into ordering sailcloth shade for playground, new jump ropes, etc for recess will be arriving soon.
 - b. Teacher's Report
 - c. Treasurer's Report - Erin Marani, Budget for 2021 - 2022 also posted on Emerson PTA website. Marsha motion first, Kaitlyn second, Vote to approve: 39 yay, 0 nay. Approved
 - d. Ways and Means - Kaitlyn, pay Fair Share, 85% goal. Currently at 67%. Pay online, or cash/check to Kaitlyn. PTA dues are separate, (you must pay to vote at the meetings!) Target new families to be certain they are aware of Fair Share and how to pay. Remind parents via their mentor and/or room parents. Separate email to all families directly describing Fair Share and link to payment.
 - e. Social - Marsha and Nikki: Men's social, 75 participants, \$1,500 donations and raffles, raised \$3,700. George Doti, Jeff Godfried printed fliers. Mom's social events on-going. \$10.00 optional donation. October 1 Family Movie Night fundraiser, 5:30 start time with raffles, baskets, movie starts at 6:30. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Outside the school/grounds on blacktop. AV help needed. Need volunteers to sell raffle tix during that evening. Need kid themed raffle baskets. Pizza is a possibility. Likely popcorn will be sold. November 19, Parents Night, TBD. Trivia Night. KOC 2/4/2022 if possible. Or, an outdoor Spring event. Bags tournament, concert, live band, etc Trivia at home, Bags of Tricks is a possible vendor that would host a virtual event.
 - f. Vice President's Report - Holly Bland, Dairy Queen Eat and Earn \$65. Guac & Tacos in September. October at Culvers. November at Chipotle.
 - g. President's Report Lisa Wormer: thank you for great start to school year, school supply boxes \$720. Kaitlyn, playdates. Erin and Vivian and Robyn - school tours. Jen Mann, ice cream social. Lisa Bowgren, parent coffee. Crystal and Anne Rockwell Communication channels, Erin budget.

PTA Council: Board of Education member assignments; all members rotate. Dr Campbell, more social and emotional programs. Reflections: I will Change the World; district arts program. Goal in participation and appreciation of the arts,

dance, music, photo, film/video productions. Contest format, judged locally, onto IL PTA.

REACH program: proposal presented last Spring, testing underway, three times per year. Social Emotional speaker. Vivian Noble is our parent rep. Committee has funds \$125 per school for resources. Math loaner kits available for Emerson Math Night.

SERGE: Kids moving around in their seats. Funds from PTA re-invested through each school's Occupational Therapists to keep kids focused/engaged to help with the wiggles.

Upcoming webinar in Sept 29. Special Edu Svc. See Happenings email for details. Crystal - creates the weekly Happenings emails. Send her updates.

Mentor Program: new to Emerson in 2020 and 2021. Paired with a seasoned Emerson parent.

Fall programs: need volunteers!

Directory Spot app: been updated. Announcement coming soon.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Math Night -Kerry Matusek: thursday Sept 23rd. 6:30-7:30. Please RSVP. Organized by K and I, 2 and 3 and 4 and 5. Kerry and Sonny Mann are chairing. SELF directed and each family will get a packet of activities to complete in each room/area.

b. Book Fair -Terri Fortier, students can shop early. Sept 30th 6:00-8:00pm Partnering with Andersons bookshop.

a. Running Club - Kai MacNikol and Jen Fiocca: serve water, kids run laps around the building. Three hour recess from 10:40- 1:40 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tues 3rd and 2nd grade. Thursday 5th, 4th and 1st. Mileage prizes, please donate gift cards, small toys. Kids earn charms for each mile they run. Proper footwear required!

d. Room Parent - Vivian Noble: sign up sheets at the Parent Coffee. Sent out emails to those classes that do not have volunteers - but now are all full! Holiday parties, and end of year picnic.

e. Spirit Wear - Liz Thompson, sizes not available via suppliers. Working on it.

f. Fall Fest -Tobi: family fun night, Halloween theme Oct 29. Costumes, raffles, candy, games and activities. Planning meeting this weekend. Need small dollar-amount gift cards. Possibility indoor and outdoor.

g. Social Media - Anne Rockwell, FB posts, "Emerson PTA Elmhurst, IL"

h. Teacher Appreciation - Karen Schetz and Marsha Murray: monthly teacher treat offered by each grade room parents. PSRP (support staff) coffee station, fruit and donuts. Parent teacher conferences day/evening: pizza & salads and boxed lunches & treats. Grade level events: 4th grade is first to lead in Sept.

i. Yearbook - Bethsend photos to the FB page or email to link in the happenings.

j. Assemblies - Robyn: BMX biker in October outdoors.

VII. Upcoming Events/Announcements Heidi Maier: Elmhurst Dist 205 - visit website for latest events and fundraisers. Gala 2/5/2022.

9/13-9/17 - Spirit Week (Wed: Game Day, Th: Music Day, Fr: School Spirit Day)

9/16 - 1st Grade Ladies Night Out

9/20 - Eat and Earn at Guac N Tacos on North Ave. Mention Emerson at checkout.

9/22 - 3rd Grade Ladies Night out

9/23 - Math Night

9/28 - 5th Grade Ladies Night Out

9/30 - Book Fair

9/30 - 2nd Grade Ladies Night Out

10/1 - Outdoor Movie Night

10/19 - October PTA Meeting

10/29 - Fall Fest

10/27-10/31 - Halloween Decorating Contest

VIII. Adjournment - 8:34pm, motion to adjourn: first by Holly Bland, Kaitlyn Jeanneret.

Next PTA meeting is October 19, 2021

Attendees:

Lisa Wormer

Mary Beth Iveljic

Holly Bland

Erin Marani

Karen Schetz

Karen Steahly

Vivian Moyle

Marcia Murray

Carolyn Valentino

Gautam Sobti

Mimi Meeham

Lori Linehan

Allison Vankleck

Shannon Nelson

Marsha Neven

Nikki Slowinski

Kai MacNikol
Sarah Porterfield
Kerri Matusek
Kaitlyn Jeanneret
Crystal Godfrey
ZOOM:
Kathy Shannon
Sheetal Sobti
Kim Ludwig
Justin Ruens
Tobi Wilson