



# Palm Valley Academy PTO

## General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 13th, 2023 at 9:06 a.m.

### Parent Representatives

President Beth Gassner	Pres Elect Honesty Harless	VP Elementary Anne Powers
VP Middle Jessica Deneau	Treasurer Brittany Hulsey	Recording Secretary Nicole Callis
Corresponding Secretary Brooke Conners		

### PTO Members

Amanda Davidson	Darci Daniels	Samantha Baker
Bev Ardabili	Amy Stellwagon	Elaine Vulcano-Parker

[Meeting Called to Order by Beth Gessner at 9:06 a.m.](#)

### [Principal's Comments: Mr. Zachary Strom](#)

- Not available.

### [President's Comments: Beth Gassner](#)

- Call meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
- Establish if quorum is present.
  - No. Review of September 20, 2023 General Board Meeting minutes will have to hold off until next time we have quorum.
- Fall festival
  - In need of bottled water and candy donations (class who collects the most in candy will get lunch with Strom) will ask room parents to reach out to classes
  - Need volunteers (parents, high school)
  - Portion of field sectioned off for trunk or treat
  - Can pre-purchase pumpkins to paint on link
  - Food trucks will be there and we will provide water/popcorn/cotton candy
  - Trunk or treat is looking for the high school volunteers to man the trunks so that the families can enjoy the event, also encourage room moms to host a trunk, trunks will be voted on by admin and winner gets a trophy

### [President Elect Comments: Honesty Harless](#)

- Holiday shop opens November 29<sup>th</sup>:
  - Holiday shop will be like bookfair where you purchase voucher
  - Volunteers are encouraged to not be present when child is shopping

### VP Elementary: Anne Powers:

- Bobcat Bolt is March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Looking for volunteers to help with planning the pep rally, decorating, day of event as well as handing out prizes in the morning during the fundraising.
  - Please email [ypelementary@pvapto.org](mailto:ypelementary@pvapto.org) if interested in helping

### VP Middle School: Jessica Darneau

- MS Dance November 9<sup>th</sup>
  - SignUp Genius going out for ticket sales \$5/ticket
  - Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion outside at 5pm
  - Theme is Hollywood
- April 18<sup>th</sup> is 8<sup>th</sup> grade Semi-Formal
  - To be held at the Link
- 23<sup>rd</sup> is 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion at Nease

### Treasure's Comments: Brittany Hulsey

- Book Fair Update
  - Ends today at noon
  - Tues was parent night (also had dome hats there and volleyball game going on)
  - April 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> is next book fair and will do another parent night
- Fall Fundraising Update
  - \$21,727.30 (goal was only \$12,000)
- Grants Update
  - Divided grants into a fall round and a spring round (\$7,500 each round)
  - Strom reviews applications and does an approval or denial depending on district.
  - He sends to board and we take a vote
  - We had 25 grants requested
    - 16 approved (ones not approved were by Strom due to not being approved by district and a few were provided from district so didn't need grants to pay for them) 3 Kinder requests were denied along with one First, Forth, and one Middle School
    - Remaining requests are on hold to see if district will provide them
    - Majority of items were science items
    - Also had PE items and Music items for K-5
- Items have been ordered and should be here in the next few weeks
- Upcoming Spiring Night Wreath Night
  - Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 at Dick's Wings
  - Can choose through website what type of wreath you want to make (Sports, Holidays, etc)
  - \$75 is cost and \$10 comes back to PVA

### Upcoming Event Dates:

- Final Book Fair Day October 13<sup>th</sup>
- No school October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Festival October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Spirit Night for PVA Dance Team at Dick's October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Character Counts Awards Breakfast October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Wreath making spirit night November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Holiday Shop November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 12<sup>th</sup>

### New Business:

- Make sure anytime we do fundraise that we identify what we are raising money for and that the items are pre-approved before we state what we are going to use the funds for. District said they would have status updates online for where we are in the approval process. All paperwork needs to be put into place with the district ahead of event.
- February is MS glow bolt.
- Teachers of the year have posters on door for decorations, also possibly flowers and card.
- **November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm is next general meeting in cafeteria**

Adjourn Meeting @ 9:37 a.m.

