

Birnham Woods Elementary PTO Meeting  
April 13, 2023  
Room A3

**Present:**

**Stephanie Christian, Vice President**  
**Cecy Camacho, VP of Hospitality**  
**Christie McQueen, Spirit Night Coordinator**  
**Jessica McCarty, VP of Fundraising**  
**Krissi Famolaro, Parliamentarian**  
**Kristen Michael, Treasurer**  
**Larisa Grensted, Secretary/Communications**  
**Tristian French, Fundraising Co-Chair**

**Participants:** Jennifer Martindale, Brandon Lowrey, Heather Lowrey

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:36 a.m. by BWE PTO Vice President Stephanie Christian.**
- II. Treasurer's Report - Kristen Michael, Treasurer**
  - a. Cash Report
    - i. Beginning balance: \$46,898.39
    - ii. Income: \$1,868.95
    - iii. Expenses: \$13,194.48
    - iv. Ending balance: \$35,572.86
    - v. *Tristian French motioned to approve cash report. Seconded by Stephanie Christian. Cash report approved.*
- III. Silent Auction - Tristian French, Fundraising Co-Chair**
  - a. April 21-27. Will open next Friday and will be all online. Almost everything is in. Fundraising will share link with PTO board later today to look over.
  - b. Silent Auction Social from 6-8 p.m. at Falls Clubhouse on April 27. Adults only. Online auction will end at 8 p.m. Falls is hosting - taking care of food and we don't have to pay the rental fee.
  - c. Want to go in at lunch one day to pep up students, but Dr. Barnes would prefer morning announcements. Jessica and Tristian will make generic videos that can be used in future years as well.
- IV. Mother's Day Cakes - Christie McQueen, Spirit Night Coordinator**

- a. Link is out on Facebook, but link didn't go out in Bulldog Blast last week. Should go out this week, as well as a text/email push.

**V. Spirit Nights - Christie McQueen, Spirit Night Coordinator**

- a. Previous events.
  - i. Spring Creek BBQ. Made over \$1800.
  - ii. CFA, Made \$211.79.
- b. Upcoming dates.
  - i. April 25th. Chipotle and Handel's Ice Cream

**VI. Painting With Mom Updates - Christie McQueen, Spirit Night Coordinator**

- a. Teachers think we might need another jug of colors. Everything else is in.
- b. CFA is donating 10 trays of cookies (240 total). Still need about 400 more cookies.
- c. High school students coming to set up and clean up, as well as a crew to help with refilling paints, etc.

**VII. Kindergarten Registration - Stephanie Christian, Vice President**

- a. Going on right now and online only.
- b. We'd like to do something at the school before school starts for the parents and students (informational night) like we have in the past. To be discussed with Dr. Barnes.

**VIII. STAAR Snacks - Cecy Camacho, VP of Hospitality**

- a. April 25th and May 2nd. Previous years, the campus has been closed all week. Still waiting to hear if that's the case.
- b. Best price was pretzels and goldfish at Costco and waters at Sam's to stay under \$600 budget.
- c. Also providing lunch for teachers. In the past, they've ordered and we give them money to cover it since we can't be in the building.

**IX. Teacher Appreciation Week - Cecy Camacho, VP of Hospitality**

- a. Theme is roadtrip. Stopping at Vegas, Disney, a beach, New York, Colorado. Examples include:
  - i. Monday the 8th - CFA breakfast (redemption of Christmas trays).
  - ii. Thursday the 11th - pizza from Crust Pizza for \$9/bundle.
- b. Will send out a message for volunteers to decorate the room.

**X. Copy Room - Krissi Famolaro, Parliamentarian**

- a. PTO still has the same code.

- b. Teachers do not have a code anymore. There is a copy room crew and they are coming in 5 days a week.

**XI. Open for other business.**

- a. Brandon and Heather Lowrey discussing broken restraint procedures within CISD. Wants current “best practice” to be written policy.
  - i. They would like it to be a requirement that parents are notified if a child is restrained. Consequences if policy isn’t followed.
  - ii. They feel there is a lack of respect for the tool. It is being over used and not used properly. They are not looking to make things harder for teachers, but CISD has no policy written. Currently a “best practice” which they feel isn’t sufficient.
  - iii. Asking to be able to post Google form on our Facebook page to garner support. Asking PTO Board to consider a proposal for the next meeting.

**XII. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.**