



**MASON  
ELEMENTARY**

**RESPECTFUL  
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Date: 11/15/2024

In-Person Meeting w/Zoom Option

Time: 9:00AM

### Meeting Highlights

Total Attendees: 16 in-person, 8 via Zoom

#### **Welcome (Jennifer Robsinson, President)**

- Welcomed everyone on Zoom as this is Mr. Jones's last PTA meeting with Mason. Some past PTA members expressed how much they will miss Mr. Jones and the impact he had on them and their students.
- Many thank yous from past and present parents to Mr. Jones as he retires this month.
- STEM celebration is Nov. 27th at 9 am- all PTA members are invited to attend.
  - Looking to see if we can put anything outside the school to show it is a STEM certified school, and continues to recertify each year. Mention to superintendent.
- Holiday Shop is the second biggest fundraiser and will be in Dec. Committee chairs will need lots of parent volunteers- help with set up/clean up, helping students shop, etc.

#### **Mr. Jones Report**

- Transition with Mr. Wilson is going great.
- STEM Certification Ceremony will be on Nov. 27th and will be live streamed as the school receives its recertification as a STEM school. County and State Superintendents will be in attendance as well as past and present students speaking about how important STEM is.
- Holiday Shop is coming up soon in Dec.
- Lots of new students are enrolling from many different countries and the county is feeling the impact district wide as staff welcomes these new students, as they will continuously be supported.
- Counselors are working on angel trees.
- Mr. Jones thanked the PTA for their support over the past years and how much he will miss Mason, its staff and families.

#### **President's Report**

- Thanked Amanda and Julie for putting together a wonderful spooky dance for students. The flow and movement was great, and we had a great student turnout.
  - Noted we would like to work next year's spooky dance date around Ms. Buchanan so she can head the spooky lab, which was a big hit last year.

#### **Vice President's Report**

- Big push for membership moving forward in the year is how to get people to understand membership is ongoing throughout the school year.
- Noted tier memberships put money directly back into the school.
- Potentially have another PTA table set up at any other school events to push more membership, possibly set up a table during conferences as well.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes.
- The Spooky Dance goal in budget was \$500 and \$3310 was raised bringing the PTA closer to the budget goal to get teachers their big line item this year- a poster printer. Noted Spooky Dance is not an actual fundraiser but so great more money is made than expected.
- 2 main fundraisers are Lion Stomp and Holiday Shop.
- On track to do above and beyond extra things for school.
- Currently speaking with Mr. Pence about purchasing the poster printer for teachers.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Reflections (update provided by Rasika Wijeratne and Tara Carter)**
  - Done with Reflections, had great participation and 1 parent volunteer.
  - Noted a lot of entries were not done correctly- missing name, parent signature, etc.
  - Trophies will be the biggest expense- went over \$500 budget- noted for next year.
  - Mr. Jones awarded all of the students who participated.
  - Had about 46-47 entries and 42-43 trophies were ordered for winners of categories.
  - Partnership with Phoenix Coffee Roasters and they donated coffee and would like to be more involved with the school.
    - Will give teachers 80 discount cards and 15% off items.
- **Yearbook (update provided by Tara Carter)**
  - Received camera awarded by yearbook company and will put in the PTA closet for anyone at the school to use.
  - Tara can possibly teach parents/PTA members how to use the camera to be used for school events.
  - Send pictures of anything school related to [masonespictures@gmail.com](mailto:masonespictures@gmail.com).
- **Spirit Night (update provided by Autumn Wilson)**
  - GA Tech game for spirit night will be Sat at 8 pm for Mason students. Waiting for tickets to come in and then will list on enews. Posters will be placed around the school as well as flyers going home in student Friday folders.
  - Papa Johns spirit week is this week and will continue until Thurs.
- **Holiday Shop ( update provided by Mansi Thakkar)**
  - Madhu usually helps leads this as well as Mansi. They will need lots of additional help from parents over the course of several days while classes shop. Help with set up, helping classes shop, clean up, etc.

- Will need assistance from room parents to send out sign up geniuses to classes so parents from classes can help volunteer during their class times.
- Goal is to get the volunteer sign up genius out before the Thanksgiving break.
  
- **Room Parent Lead (update provided by Lauren Rogers)**
  - Noted waiting for class holiday party times. Once Mr. Jones approves dates/times per grades, will send out to room parents to help teachers plan.
  - Will send ideas for food/things to do during class holiday parties to room parents. Only note from Mr. Jones is no red juice- it stains the carpets, otherwise no restrictions and it's up to teachers what they want to do.
  
- **Cultural Arts (update provided by Lauren Rogers)**
  - Nov. 28th environmentalists will come to present to each class between 9-2. Will bring a turtle and each class can dissect a lima bean. This is the last cultural arts push for fall and will continue in the spring.
  
- **Hospitality ( update provided by Christina Volling)**
  - Teachers loved the last lunch from Chicken Salad Chick. They all very much appreciated this lunch and they all even got to take home some extras for that night too.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM