



**MASON
ELEMENTARY**

**RESPECTFUL
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Date: 10/18/2023

In-Person Meeting w/Zoom Option

Time: 9:00AM

Meeting Highlights

Total Attendees: 13 in-person, 6 via Zoom

Welcome (Jennifer Robsinson, President)

- September was a busy month as Lion Stomp wrapped up. Welcomed Dominique Cooper, via Zoom, she is a candidate running for the school board. As well as Mr. Ryan Wilson, Mason's new principal as of the end of November, who is sitting in today's meeting with Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones Report

- Welcoming new Mason Lions everyday, enrollment is at 928. Class lists are frequently changing and updating as new students come to Mason.
- STEM Celebration is set for 11/27 at 9 am. State Superintendent will be in attendance and the celebration will last approximately 30 minutes.
- Mason's Spooky Dance will be next Wed. 10/25 and PRHS Trunk or Treat will be next Thurs. 10/26- candy donations are being accepted in the teacher's mailroom.
- APD will meet this Friday 10/20.
- Welcome to Mr. Ryan Wilson, Mason's soon-to-be principal. Mr. Wilson has been visiting Mason and shadowing Mr. Jones every Wednesday and starting in November, Mr. Wilson will be visiting Mason every Monday and Wednesday to meet with teachers and staff and become a familiar face for students. His official start date will be December 1st.
 - Mr. Wilson spoke briefly- he grew up in Duluth right around the corner from Mason and considers the Mason community his home. He and Mr. Jones spent this morning sitting and talking with students at breakfast.
- Volunteers to help set up, clean up, etc. will be needed to help with Spooky Dance next week. Posters will go up today so parents can scan QR code to purchase tickets while in the building during conferences.
- Mr. Jones recognized the PTA for all of their hard work at Lion Stomp. He said he got a lot of positive feedback from parents and staff and thought this year's Lion Stomp was the most organized yet. Overall wonderful team effort.

President's Report

- Spooky Dance next Wed. 10/25- in need of volunteers, parents can sign up to volunteer through memberhub or on the sign up genius that was sent out.
- Working on getting dates for holiday parties so room parents as well as teachers can begin planning. Will be during the afternoon sometime. Hoping to confirm times by Friday.

- Shout out to Helen- thank you for organizing AJ's ice again this year for Lion Stomp.
- Noted to Nikki that there will be no Spooky Lab this year like last year at the Spooky Dance. But they are planning something similar but small in the cafeteria.
- Introduced Dominique Cooper who is currently a candidate running for district 3 of the school board. She was previously an Area 2 PTA member. She has shown support for our school and joined the meeting via Zoom today. Dominique spoke and will be attending the Spooky Dance next week.
- Plans are in motion for Lion Stomp top winners- teacher for a day and the 1st place winner, Grace Saxelby, will get to be principal for a day with Mr. Jones and Mr. Wilson! Both will take place on Oct. 25th.
 - The top class winner for Lion Stomp was Dr. Moore's class and will receive a pizza party. Will get with teacher to come up with a date and time that best fits their schedule.
 - Also 4 students tied for 2nd place- PE teacher for a day.

Vice President's Report

- We have 261 PTA members, including 85 faculty and staff members, 176 parents, 15 blue tier memberships and 12 red memberships.
- Goal is still 100% membership.
- Goal this month is to encourage members to move from the \$5 membership level to a blue or red tier.
- A perk of becoming a tier member are tickets to the dances are included depending which tier is chosen. Red tier members can choose their tickets to either Spooky Dance or Small and Tall Ball. Blue tier members get tickets to both dances.
 - At Spooky Dance there will be a list of tier members where they can check in to the dance.
 - Another perk of becoming a blue tier member is they receive a one time 15% off of spiritwear of their choice.

Treasurer's Report

- Lion Stomp raised a total of \$41,661, just under goal for this year, and a total of 440 students participated.
 - After prizes and ice cream was paid for, a total of \$32,958 was accrued towards the PTA budget.
- A big response to tiers this year. At the basic membership level of \$5, \$4 goes towards the national PTA and only \$1 goes towards Mason. At a tier level, more money goes back into the school. In addition to the \$250 national PTA dues paid annually.
- Mr. Jones mentioned that the district took care of fixing the outside stairs (part of the goal of Lion Stomp).
- Bonnie noted that in order to re-do the gym floors and get the teacher's a poster maker, we need to hit the fundraising goal, which she expects to happen with hopefully going over the goal for Spooky Dance.
- Report follows minutes.

Committee Reports

- **Reflections (update provided by Rasika Wijeratne and Tara Carter)**
 - Reflections had 67 total entries- 29 visual arts, 9 photography, 12 literature, 3 dance, 3 music, and 1 music.
 - A 1st and 2nd place will be awarded to each grade level.
 - Rasika mentioned some entries did not apply to the theme- may reject some older grade entries if not relevant but will probably not reject any younger grades.
 - 48 trophies will be needed and are around \$400. Jennifer gave them another company to price out to see if that price can be dropped.
 - There will be an ice cream party next Monday for any student who participated in Reflections this year.
 - There will also be a celebration breakfast for winners at a later date.

- **Yearbook (update provided by Tara Carter)**
 - Unable to attend Spooky Dance so she will really need pictures sent from any parents or staff for the yearbook.
 - Send pictures of anything school related (Lion Stomp, Spooky Dance, Trunk or Treat, etc.) to masonespictures@gmail.com.

- **Spirit Night (update provided by Autumn Wilson)**
 - Chick-Fil-A spirit night is this Thurs. 10/19. Emphasized that when ordering on the mobile app use the code Mason and the 'M' must be capitalized. Credit for class must be done inside and write the student and teacher's name on the envelope by the register.
 - Papa John's spirit night will be on 10/25, same night as the Spooky Dance, so Mason will buy pizzas for the dance from Papa John's so the school gets credit.
 - Still working on talking with Main Event, hoping to plan something for next year.
 - Ga Tech basketball game is set up for Nov. 18th, time is TBD. Fliers will go in teacher's mailboxes ASAP. All Mason tickets will be in 1 student section. School gets percentage of money back from tickets sold.
 - Will have Mr. Jones send out on ParentSquare as well, and will have a QR code so tickets will be easy to buy.

- **Duluth Fall Festival (update provided by Kim MacLeod)**
 - Fall Festival went well, only a few hiccups due to some construction, but overall the kids had a great time and made sure part of the emphasis was to make Mr. Jones feel special as this was his farewell parade.

- **Hospitality (update provided by Christina Volling)**
 - Provided a lunch today for the teachers from Chicken Salad Chick. Christina noted that last year's lunch, they forgot some of the sides. So Christina followed up with the manager and district manager and they ended up providing a \$1400 lunch for free this year.

Mason PTA
 Treasurer's Report
 September 21, 2023 through October 17, 2023

	Sept 21, '23 - Oct 17, 23	Aug 25, '23 - Aug 22, 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income					
Donations		1,650.00	1,000.00	650.00	165.0%
Spirit Nights		290.51	400.00	-109.49	72.63%
Membership, NET		404.75	3,500.00	-3,095.25	11.56%
Spirit Wear-NET	-874.72	1,545.61	650.00	895.61	237.79%
Fundraising-NET					
Other Fundraising - NET	1.03	2.29	500.00	-497.71	0.46%
Fun Run-NET	30,048.18	32,958.94	40,000.00	-7,041.06	82.4%
Holiday Shop-NET			1,500.00	-1,500.00	
Total Fundraising-NET	29,174.49	32,961.23	42,000.00	-9,038.77	78.48%
Family Life-NET					
Spooky Dance-NET			500.00	-500.00	
Small and Tall Ball-NET			500.00	-500.00	
Family Carnival-NET			1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Total Family Life-NET			2,000.00	-2,000.00	
Yearbook - NET		202.99	500.00	-297.01	40.6%
Corporate Sponsorships		2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00	125.0%
Total Income	29,174.49	39,555.09	52,050.00	-12,494.91	75.99%
Expense					
Red Ribbon Week	299.35	299.35	350.00	-50.65	85.53%
Online Subscriptions	297.00	882.72	5,000.00	-4,117.28	17.65%
Bank Charges	29.60	54.60	75.00	-20.40	72.8%
Mason Needs Assessment			12,408.59	-12,408.59	
5TH GRADE FUN DAY - NET			1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Accounting Fees			350.00	-350.00	
All Pro Dads	-96.00	-96.00	100.00	-196.00	-96.0%
Board Operating Expense	127.12	177.12	500.00	-322.88	35.42%
Classroom Grants			3,000.00	-3,000.00	
Copying Costs			100.00	-100.00	
Council Dues			250.00	-250.00	
Cultural Arts	1,942.00	1,942.00	6,000.00	-4,058.00	32.37%
Duluth Fall Festival	378.57	378.57	750.00	-371.43	50.48%
Environmental Engineering Club			1,500.00	-1,500.00	
Exceptional Children			500.00	-500.00	
Lions Stomp Teacher Incentives			4,000.00	-4,000.00	
Health & Safety	249.20	249.20	500.00	-250.80	49.84%
Hospitality Expense			5,000.00	-5,000.00	
Incorporation Renewal Fee			30.00	-30.00	
Insurance	355.00	355.00	355.00		100.0%
International Committee			300.00	-300.00	
Leadership Training			300.00	-300.00	
Media Center			1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Membership Expenses		61.88	1,000.00	-938.12	6.19%
Outdoor Habitat			1,500.00	-1,500.00	
Outgoing President			100.00	-100.00	
Parent Volunteers			650.00	-650.00	
Reading & Literacy Expense			1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Reflections			500.00	-500.00	
PBIS Store	920.50	920.50	1,000.00	-79.50	92.05%
Replenishment			300.00	-300.00	
STEM			5,000.00	-5,000.00	
Total Expense	4,502.34	5,224.94	54,418.59	-49,193.65	9.6%
Net Income	24,672.15	34,330.15	-2,368.59	36,698.74	-1,449.39%