**General Meeting**

**Esperanza Middle School PTO**

**5:30-6:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**January 11th, 12th & 13th, 2016**

**AGENDA & DETAILS**

* Welcome!
* Approval Of GM Minutes – Monday, September 28, 2015 – on hold until the next GM in the Spring, TBA
* President’s Report – Virginia Richardson

FUNDRAISERS

1. **Winter Wonderland Dance** was a big success!

-A big thank you to all the teacher and parent volunteers and the student representatives who helped plan the dance and those who donated concessions.

-The PTO raised $1,347, minus dance expenses. This covered insurance costs, which is the new PTO’s biggest start up expense ($700).

- Photo booth at each of the dances has raised a combined total of $396 ($126 of that is included in the total above).

1. **Spirit Nights**

-Sonic and Chipotle raised $136.00 and $188.63, respectively.

-Chick-fil-A spirit night to follow May 16th

-Applebees brunch on a weekend -- TBA

1. **Shoebox Recycling**

-6 boxes of shoes collected, the first check for $51 has been received (for half of boxes)

-to be repeated in the Spring

1. **Agendas** raised $750 profit and PTO will organize pre-order sales for next school year.
2. **T-shirts** sales raised $300 profit. We will have a new style to be available for Spring.

PTO CONTRIBUTIONS

1. **Membership** last year as the PTA was 38. This year we are currently at 184 members, including students.
2. **Student Representatives!** – we have 4 students as active representatives.
3. **Welcome Back Teacher/Staff Brunch** in September. Another to follow in February.
4. **Lost & Found Racks** purchased for the school.
5. **Holiday goodie bags** given outfor teacher and staff PTO members.
6. **Bus Driver Appreciation Gifts** provided for all drivers.
7. **Teacher/Staff Appreciation:** coming up in May! We could use help here!
8. **Concession donations** for dances.
9. **Photo booth** provided for the dances.
10. **Chaperones** for dances and as requested by EMS
11. **Support** of school projects such as school beautification projects.
12. **Teacher requested items** (e.g. gift card prizes, classroom items, loot supplies)

* Treasurer’s Report

1. Current balance: $1,076.74
2. Budget update, the specific details will be available next week on the PTO website.

* Stay informed!
* **Join our FACEBOOK page** “Esperanza Middle School Parent & PTO Information Page”.

It’s a great source of information as PTO events and updates are posted, but parents also post a lot.

NB. This is a closed group, so on requesting to join, you will receive a message asking for more information.

*In your inbox folder check “message requests” or “more” folders (at the top), as depending on your settings, the message may go there.*

You can also email us at [esperanzamspto@gmail.com](mailto:esperanzamspto@gmail.com) to join the Facebook page.

- **Become a PTO member!**

It’s free! No dues required.

If you want to volunteer too, there are plenty of opportunities.

* **emspiratespto.weebly.com** – our website. Get info on events, lost & found photos, forms and permission slips, newsletter etc. (or go to the Esperanza school website and click on the PTO link)

* Announcements

1. **Committee members** are needed to help coordinate events. Tell us tonight, or email the board if you would like to help us with any of the following:

Dances, staff appreciation meals, spirit nights, special annual events, fundraising

1. **Board members** needed for the 2016-2017 school year!
2. **General PTO Meeting:** the next meeting will be in April, TBA. We will be voting for new board members at that meeting.
3. **Teacher Requests/Needs:** It's time to replenish tissues and pencils. If you have extra of either, please send them into the front office. Thank you!
4. **Parent Requests:** Let us know what you would be interested in doing as a parent group. Ideas welcomed!

The PTO Board can be contacted at **esperanzamspto@gmail.com**