

Sherman PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 6:00 pm

Attendees: Belinda Tortorella (President), Nicole Duguay (Vice President), Lyndsey Garcia (Treasurer), Ashley Cole (Secretary), Robin Duke, Rikki Butts, Sarah Leveillee, Claudia Gandelman, Lindsey Barnard

Virtual: Cassidy Kamer, Lori Venditelli, Angela Peterson, Jennifer Morse, Maria San-Martino Clinton, Christine Fraginis, Odyssey Myles

1. Call to Order at 6:04
2. Introductions
3. Monthly Recap
 - a. **Book Fair**- brought in almost \$7000 in sales. We now have \$4400 Scholastic Dollars and made a \$1200 profit. All students were able to get a book using PTO share the fair funds and some Scholastic dollars. A suggestion was made to maybe do a pre-training for new volunteers on how to use the registers.
 - b. **Otis Spunkmeyer** - Went well. We had \$18,918 in sales and a total profit of \$8,215.80 for the school. Orders will be here before Thanksgiving but no delivery date as of yet. No sorting of orders is needed. Each order will be separated by student. Order items will be broken down in a list, in the box, once they arrive.
 - c. **Trunk or Treat** - Went great and we had a great turnout! We had 21 trunks and 136 RSVP's but had way more show up than that! Next year we need to plan on doubling the amount of candy. A Suggestion was made to maybe re-word the form bc there was some confusion if people were hosting a trunk, were they also supposed to RSVP? Another suggestion was to maybe have another light and possibly some lawn games so people who wanted to stay longer after trick or treating had something to do. Suggestions made were ring toss, bean bag toss, maybe a haunted hallway or a maze, glow sticks etc. Next year, possibly have a spot on the RSVP form to pre-request songs so that the DJ doesn't get overwhelmed with walk-up requests and play any inappropriate songs. Everyone had a great time and many people loved the DJ.
4. **Volunteering Opportunities**
 - a. **Holiday Paint Party** - November 7th - At Pilgrim, holds 900 seated, but there will be stations throughout that the students move through. We need 5-8 volunteers for this event. 5:00 set up, clean up should be done by 8:30. The 5th grade

committee will have concessions for sale. An email will be sent out and social media posts will be created asking for volunteers. The PTO is covering \$4 for each student's 1st ornament. Each additional ornament purchased is the normal price of \$15. The PTO gets \$4 back for each ornament sold. See if we can have Venmo payments at the door?

5. **Committee Kick Offs:** Bingo event is up next and emails have been sent out. Emails will be going out for dance committee soon. A fundraising email went out as well. We want to get things started and up and moving.

6. Upcoming Important Dates

- a. 11/3 - **Picture Day**
- b. 11/7 - **Holiday Paint Party**
- c. 11/7 & 11/21 **Popcorn Fridays:** Volunteers are all set through January
- d. 11/11 **No School** - Veterans Day
- e. 11/19 - **Dine Out** - Chipotle 5th Grade Fundraiser 4-8 pm (check to make sure the restaurant is/will be open)
- f. 11/25 - **Sherman Spirit Day:** Tuesday before Thanksgiving break
 - i. Wear your Sherman Gear - Link on the website: Elite or just wear Blue. PTO gets \$ back from each purchase through Elite
- g. 11/26-11/28 - **No school** Thanksgiving Break

7. Fundraising

- a. **Otis Spunkmeyer:** Was a huge success and we voted (unanimously) to do Otis Spunkmeyer again next year. Nicole will be reaching out to see if we can still receive the % incentive for prebooking.
 - b. Possible mum sale fundraiser? Nicole will do some research.
8. **Principal's Report:** The book machine has been stocked. Each student will receive a birthday book from the machine. Chocolate sales are off to a good start, some % going towards 5th grade and the rest is going for field trips. The food pantry is being utilized by 5 or 6 families currently but we may see an increase due to snap benefit changes. Donations have been coming in and you can reach out to the school nurse if you need assistance. Items can be discreetly sent home in your child's backpack or you can make arrangements with the school nurse for a pickup time. Thanksgiving baskets for 26 Sherman families that have reached out for help will be distributed by the city of Warwick and Feinstein funds and the PTO will make baskets for Christmas. A parent is needed for the school improvement team which will meet NOV 6th at 3pm. The school improvement team dives into school data, curriculum, what's best for students and what

helps Sherman become a high performing school. Highly requested food pantry items are snack items, mac and cheese, pasta, cleaning supplies, toiletries, tampons/pads, just add water items, shelf stable milk, and cereal. \$300/400 of Feinstein Funds were spent to restock the pantry. A suggestion was made to maybe have a day that people can come and pick up food pantry items. Nurse Danielle has been sending pantry items home on Thursdays for the most part. Holiday cheer helped 24 students and families and is all done privately through the nurse. Amazon wish lists are created by the families and then fulfilled. If you would like the link to the wishlists, please ask Nicole as they are not posted publicly.

9. **Treasurer's Report: (See attached)** Last month missed \$30 tip to the bubble guy in the report. We were under budget on the trunk or treat. Otis Spunkmeyer brought in \$8215. We had no expenses and locked in this fundraiser again for next year. Teachers have been sent an email that they have a \$200 classroom reimbursement through the PTO. We have made \$2290 from popcorn sales and had \$548 in expenses so far. \$1745 was spent on a Quest for Kindness assembly and due to technical issues, the 2nd assembly was cancelled and we received a full refund from Mobile Ed Productions. A suggestion was made to look into adding an additional water bottle filler for the school. That would have to go through the district and Maria is going to look into that.
10. **Announcement of Next Meeting** 11/18 at 6:00 on a Tuesday
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:07

Attached:  2025-2026 Sherman PTO_October_Budget Blitz_10.29.2025.pdf