



**Stone Mountain Elementary  
PTO General Meeting Minutes: August 23, 2023**

**2023-2024 SME Executive Board Members:**

- Lorri Clark - President
- Betts Merling - Co VP
- Molly Sutton - Co VP
- Meg Albrecht -Treasurer
- Emily Griger - Secretary

**Principal/School Representative:** Michelle Franci

**Teacher Representative:** Kylee Duren

**Attendance:** Lorri Clark, Molly Sutton, Meg Albrecht, Betts Merling, Emily Griger, Michelle Franci, Katie Kruse, Kylee Duren, Hillary Gurman, Nikki McNeal, Lindsay Rippe, Nicole Mazzaferro, Caitin McWhorter, Lisa Land, Sarah Nelson, Meredith Frost, Stacey Ownbey, Monica Witty, Kristina Hale, Kat Creamer, Desiree Paoli

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**Welcome** - Lorri Clark

**Introductions**

- Executive Board
  - Lorri Clark - [president@smepto.org](mailto:president@smepto.org)
  - Betts Merling - [vicepresident1@smepto.org](mailto:vicepresident1@smepto.org)
  - Molly Sutton - [vicepresident2@smepto.org](mailto:vicepresident2@smepto.org)
  - Meg Albrecht - [treasurer@smepto.org](mailto:treasurer@smepto.org)
  - Emily Griger - [secretary@smepto.org](mailto:secretary@smepto.org)
- Principal - Michelle Franci
- Teacher Rep- Kylie Duren
- Committee Chairs
  - Black and White Ball - Meg Albrecht and Emily Griger
  - Book Fair-Meredith Frost and Stacey Ownbey
  - Family Events - Lisa Land

- Gift Crowd - Lorri Clark
- Hospitality - Lindsay Rippe and Nikki McNeal
- Main Event - Molly Sutton and Chrissy Howard
- Parties With A Purpose - Lauren Tripp and Sarah Nelson
- Science Night - Ingrid Carter in JAnuary
- Spirit Wear Chair - Leslie Kronke
- Watch Dog Dads - Matt Albrecht
- Welcome Committee - Sadrian Alderson
- Yearbook -Desiree Paoli and Alicia HWang

#### **President's Update** - Lorri Clark

- Welcome Back to School! Lorri gave a summary of what the PTO has been up to already this school year: calendars, grocery bags for teachers, new parent welcome parties, shirts for students, breakfast for teachers on the first Friday, hosted orientation and the popsicle party,
- How to stay connected with PTO: emails, PTO website, Cub Chronicles, FB page.
- We really appreciate everyone's interest and commitment to help and participate in our activities. We are always planning events and always have ways to get involved.

#### **Family Fest:** Lorri Clark

- September 8, 4:30-7p
- Free event
- Bounce houses, obstacle course sponsored by Legacy Martial Arts
- Martial arts demos by Legacy Martial Arts
- Free activities: DJ, glitter tattoos, photo booth
- Fee based activities: Make your own shirts - spirit wear, make and take yard sign and food trucks

#### **Treasurer Update** - Meg Albrecht

- We carried over \$65k from last year.
- calendar sales about \$220 so far
- yearbook sales/our cut from last year \$2541.20
- spiritwear year to date sales \$81.97

#### **Principal's Update** - Michelle Franci

- Fantastic beginning to the school year. Welcome party was great - thank you Sadrian.
- Orientation went smoothly
- PTO provided breakfast, lunch and grocery bags on first day of school for teachers
- Green shirts have been called "Fire" this year
- Thank you for filling the pantry for the teachers in the break room
- Tissues and tears for kindie parents at the park was well attended
- Thank you for breakfast on the 1st friday of school for teachers
- Cub cash spinning wheel for 4,5,6 graders. Kids can win gift cards for businesses like Crumble Cooke, Chick Fil-A, and gelato. Thank you Meg Albrecht for purchasing all the gift cards.
- PTO paid for the treasure box for the young kids who have received Cub Cash.
- CMAS results are used to evaluate trends to change systems for a grade standard as a whole. Pick up CMAS scores in the office.
- Stone Mtn is the 12th best elementary school in the state. Best in DCSD.
- I-Ready has started for the fall prelim test. Reading and math. Data is ready for teachers immediately.

- SAC meeting: 9/11 at 9am in the Cub Cafe.
  - SAC discusses topics like budgets, staffing, safety, test results

### **Committee Updates**

- **Welcome Committee** - Sadrian Alderson
  - Thank you for a fantastic event for new parents
  - Congrats to Sadrian for being the volunteer of the month. Thank you for all you do!
- **Hospitality** - Nikki McNeal & Lindsay Rippe
  - Aug - duffy rolls breakfast for teachers on 1st Friday of school
  - Sept - Book Fair Lunch - sandwiches and shopping -9/25 Monday
  - Break Room Pantry - Caitlin McWhorter and Nicole MAzzaferro will now be chairing this committee. A signup genius will come out so parents can sign up to donate money via venmo so snacks can be purchased or sign up to bring in snacks or drinks. Each grade has a month.
- **Book Fair** - Meredith Frost & Stacey Ownbey
  - Sign up will come up for volunteers
  - Set up Thurs 9/21
  - Book Fair: 9/25-29. Tear down on the 29th
  - Shopping Event: Bring your buddy to the book fair with a coffee cart. Buy a coffee and sponsor a coffee for a teacher/staff member.
  - Katie Kruse can help with the teacher orders
- **The Main Event** - Molly Sutton & Chrissy Howard
  - Largest Fundraising Event for the year. Pays for curriculum, copies, etc for the school to free up general funds.
  - Mini means no gala- we will have class baskets, online auction, sign up parties
  - We are accepting donations now for auction items and volunteers
  - Starting to work on the big event next year
  - We will also be selling personalized bricks to be laid outside the kindie doors
- **Family Events** - Lisa Land
  - Skate Night 11/9, 3/28 6-8 pm
  - Scoops Night with teachers at Coldstone 9/19, 4-7 pm

### **Future Meeting Dates** - Wednesdays at 9a in the Cub Cafe

- September 20
- November 8
- January 24
- February 28
- April 17

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Adjourned at 9:58 am