



## Orion Oaks PTO

Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 7pm

Interim President: Naomi Colquitt

Treasurer: Amanda Miller

Fundraising Coordinator: Marie Hill

Secretary: Marie Stevens

Meeting Start Time: 7:05pm

Meeting End Time: 7:55pm

### A. Welcome

- a. Board Member changes - Current President Jen M. stepped down February 20, 2019. As vice-president, Naomi will be the interim president for the remainder of this school year
- b. Special Guest: Eagle Scout Aaron Schlenkert from Troop 128 - Aaron is a senior at the High School and for his Eagle Scout project he wants to repair the nature trail. The trail will be mulched and have staked logs added along the sides to help maintain trail. Additional trees will be planted, and existing overgrowth will be cut back. The volunteers will be recruited from the high school, the scouts, and local residents. Funds to bring the project to completion will be raised by selling shirts for \$12 each, in both kids and adult sizes. The fundraiser will be done prior to the work. Any additional money that is not spent will be a donation back to the school. Flyers will be provided shortly. Shirt orders will be due by the end of the month. The nature trail will be worked on over the 2nd & 3rd weekends of April.

### B. Principal's Report - Conferences are coming up in a couple weeks.

Friday April 12th will be the first of what will hopefully be an annual "Orion Oaks Day of Service". This is an event where we will partner with local organizations to give back to the community and foster a spirit of helpfulness in our students. To start the day: Community Circle, perhaps with a guest speaker. Following that will be the first activity, then lunch, then a second activity, and then a final celebration at the end of the day with popsicles. Lunch will be different than usual; instead of separate lunches all the students will be together at one time. Some food will be provided, students can bring lunch from home if desired. The activities will be things such as cleaning up local parks or Bald Mountain, going to

the Senior Center and playing games with the seniors, making bookmarks for the library, helping animal shelters by making toys for the animals, etc. More information will be provided soon.

Update on the Bond: Our construction will be done within the next couple years. Minimum 3 new classrooms will be added, front entrance done (no gap between exterior doors and main office), new furniture by 2021/2022.

### C. Treasurer's Report

- a. Red, White, and Blue day funds for Veterans Day - Headway has been made contacting the Orion Veterans Memorial to donate money raised on Veterans Day; they have suggested we purchase a brick to donate the funds. We will be purchasing a brick with the words "Orion Oaks Elementary 2018-2019", and it will be installed in May.
- b. Choose the Chucks - \$402.35 was raised. The PTO has donated an additional \$400 and a check for \$800 was given to Carpenter.
- c. Smencil Grams for Valentine's Day - \$286 was raised with this smencil sale

### D. Fundraising Updates

- a. Dine to Donate - The next dine to donate will be at Mediterranean Station from 12-8pm on Thursday March 21st. 10% of sales will be given back to the PTO. Please show the flyer in order for a portion to be donated to us. Italia Gardens will be in April, date to come. The PTO will also be providing a meal for the teachers this day for conferences from Mediterranean Station.

### E. Past Activities

- a. Snow Days!

### F. Current Activities

- a. March is Reading Month - The PTO is helping provide two 50 gallon bags of popcorn, which was donated from Oxford 7, s'mores supplies, and money for book coupons to be given to students to use at the Book Fair.
- b. Spring into Orion Oaks March 7th - The 5th grade concert is in the gym, there is a feather art display to take photos by, the 3rd grade wax museum, The ArtToMe can be paid for by credit card if needed.
- c. Yearbook Shout Outs due Friday March 8th. - Payments can be made online following a link on our Facebook page. The message can be typed in through this portal as well, so there is no need to return the paper flyer if this online method is used.

- d. Spring Book Fair March 21st to March 29th - The dates for the book fair have been changed to the 19th to the 27th. A signup genius is available to help set up and run this event.
- e. Open PTO chair positions for 2019 - 2020 school year. Nominations will be taken via email until April 9th at noon. Voting is at the PTO meeting April 9th at 7pm. Positions that will be voted on:
  - i. President - Naomi Colquitt running
  - ii. Vice President - Marie Hill running
  - iii. Secretary - Marie Stevens running
- f. The PTO also is in need of the following positions for the 2019-2020 school year. Please email the PTO if you are interested in helping out!
  - i. Fundraising Coordinator
  - ii. Yearbook Chairperson
  - iii. Social Media Moderator
- g. Upcoming PTO Meetings: April 9th, May 7th

REMINDER: Please use [orionoakspto@gmail.com](mailto:orionoakspto@gmail.com) for questions/comments/concerns

**Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 7pm Media Center  
Childcare will be provided for this meeting**