7:00pm Call to Order

14 members present at call to order (virtual option is on)

Approval of 9/14/22 Minutes

R. Carlson makes motion to adopt the draft minutes. D. Englander 2nds the motion.

No discussion on the motion, motion approved.

President's Report

The president thanks all the volunteers who have stepped up to cover committees, but there are still spaces available.

-Staff appreciation, Bookfair, and Yearbook, all need co-chairs

Administrator's Report

Parent teacher conferences will be held Thanksgiving week, there will be a virtual option for parents again this year.

Treasurer's Report

Lauren Tobiason is now the assistant treasurer.

No unforeseen bills this month. Everything is within the approved budget.

By-laws update

Bylaws committee transferred bylaws to the new Free State PTA template.

C. Pine made motion to approve the bylaws, seconded by D. Englander.

No debate, only a question to confirm if a quorum was present. It was confirmed that there was a quorum.

Motion passed by voice vote

Staff Liaison Report

Finished MAP testing, but this year they are doing a program to graph the scores in class, help kids learn about personal growth

The Staff appreciates the pumpkins and staff appreciation treats.

Please check your kids' supplies, things are dispersing and/or running out.

Young authors contest is starting, details on most canvas pages.

Committee Reports

• Read-a-Thon

The details were in Cougar Comments and on PTA website.

Recommendation to do a half sheet notice to parents, because many don't know it is going on.

-Reflections

Opening this week, the prompt is "show your voice" Details in Cougar Comments.

Deadline is Tuesday November 29th

After School Activities

Most are going well but Karate is being moved from Wednesday to Friday.

• Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

I will be Friday October 28th, there will be pumpkin raffle. Details will be coming out in cougar comments.

• Restaurant Nights (Alison Hickman)

Next chick fil a night is November 1. Taharka Bros, Oct 31-Nov 2

Others to come this year: Mod Pizza, Chipotle, Nothing Bundt Cakes

Staff Appreciation

Appreciates that people contribute to the staff appreciation snack lounge.

7:50pm New Business

- -A request was made to get planners for the older grades. This was done by the school in the past, but funding ended, so PTA would like to pick up the slack especially for families that can't cover cost. We will examine the costs.
- -STEM Stuff Garden is wrapping up, donations are being made of all the produce harvested.. Science center in class field trip from Maryland Science center for 4th grade will be happening

The STEM committee will use some of their budget to get a sturdier fence for the garden.

-Principal Cosentino asks for discussion on the current school photo vendor. He has to make decision on vendor for next year. School photos is the only fundraiser the principal has for their fund (used mainly for getting materials for teachers).

8:00pm Closing