

**September 13, 2016**

**The General Meeting was called to order by PTO President, Christy Vogl**

Introduction of exec board:

President: Christy Vogl

Vice President: Toni Walters

Co-Treasurer: Doug Holder (will handle the books)

Co-Treasurer: Mike McNerney (will handle the taxes)

Auditor: Sterling Thompson

Secretary: Nancy Pearl

Front Lawn Update by Annie Holder

- Phase 2 is finished which includes a vegetable and butterfly garden. Thank you to Kelly Dunsford for her work on writing the grant for these gardens and all of her work on getting them ready for student use.
- Bricks are still for sale and engraving will continue.
- Dr. Arnold added that some teachers are exploring adding a chicken coop which will be discussed in the future

Auction

- It will be on Feb. 2th at Ursuline Academy. The committee is looking for new member. Contact Joanna Lodes if interested.

The Budget was present by Doug Holder and approved by the general membership.

Dr. Arnold:

- Preliminary MAP data is in and Avery students did well. The Math and ELA scores have stayed about the same as last year but it wa a different test. Since 2012 the scores have significantly gone up. More specific data will be shared as it becomes available.
- Look for a survey to come out about the intake conferences
- Fall conferences will take place as usual the week of Nov. 7th
- Spring conferences will take place if the teacher or parent feels they are needed
- Avery has been working on a new mission and vision statement which will be shared soon.

Webster Groves School District Foundation presentation by Becky Hauser.

- The foundation is a non-profit organization that raises money to benefit WG students.
- Courtney Waiz-Jenkins is the PTO Liaison for Avery
- See their website for more information: <http://www.wgsdfoundation.org>

Fall Festival Update

- Drop off upcycled prizes at Samanda Rossi's house: 765 Greeley. There is a bin on the porch.
- See PTO Website to sign up for cake walk donations or to help at the Fall Festival for an hour shift. Many parent or alumni volunteers are needed!
- A volunteer is needed to coordinate the teacher raffle

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 20: Picture Day
- Sept. 24: Progressive Dinner
- Oct. 7: Fun first Friday Coffee 8am
  - Fall Festival 6:00 - 8:00pm
- Oct. 28: Halloween Parade and Parties 1:30pm

**Next PTO Meeting is Tuesday, October 11th at 7pm in the library. Childcare is provided for children 2 years old and up who are potty trained.**