

April 12, 2016

Meeting was called to order by PTO President, Tim Halls.

Dr. Arnold:

- Announced the retirement of Judy Hein and Pam Miller who share a reading specialist job. There was a lot of internal interest in this position and a decision will be made soon.

President Tim Halls update:

- The auction raised more money than was expected which allowed PTO to fund additional staff grants that were requested in the fall (rugs for third grade and videos for the nurse).
- An additional \$1300 is needed to finish the playground than was originally planned for. The general membership voted and approved this amount.
- PTO has \$12,000 for more chromebooks. The general membership approved this purchase.
- The progressive dinner is set for September 24th. If you'd like tickets contact Annie Holder annieholder@gmail.com It's a fun way to meet Avery parents!
- The auction and trivia night will be held on February 25, 2017 at a new location: Ursuline Academy (341 S. Sappington Rd). The Cardinal Rigali Center is no longer renting out their space. Ursuline is less expensive to rent and holds about 90 more people.
- Phase two of the front yard project is coming. There will be two more benches added around the A. Pavers will extend north towards Marshall. There will be a new and larger bike rack and concrete poured in that area. There will be more plantings and mulching.
- Thank you to Kelly Dunsford for writing the grant and creating the soon-to-be vegetable and butterfly garden/outdoor classroom area on the south side of the building.

Tim welcomed our new superintendent, John Simpson, who spoke to the general membership about his goals for the district and answered parent questions.

Upcoming Events:

- May 6th: 8:00 am: Fun First Friday Coffee on the front lawn
- May 6th: Razzmatazz at Steger at 7:00pm. They need volunteers to help at the event. Contact Greg Davis gdavis624@gmail.com if you can help.
- May 18th: Spring BOGO Book Fair
- May 26th: Blacktop Ball from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Contact Sally Kilbride sallykilbride@yahoo.com if you can help.

Next PTO Meeting: May 10th at 7:00 pm in the library. We will be electing next year's Executive Board at this meeting. The parents running for the executive board are:

President: Christy Vogl

Vice President: Toni Walters

Secretary: Nancy Pearl

Co-Treasurers: Doug Holder and Mike McNerney

Auditor: Sterling Thompson

The position of auditor is being added to the PTO By-Laws and will also be voted on at the next meeting.

