

ACMA PTO

PTO Meeting September 9, 2026

9 Sept 2026 / 7:00 PM / Library

PTO Board Members

Beth Lewis, President; Celice Germer, Treasurer; Monica Wilkerson, Director of Volunteer Coordination; Evan Lewis, Director of Communication; Christi Crippen, Member at Large; Rocio Espinoza, Member at Large; Tiffany Schiff, Member at Large; Omar Vargas, Brooke Huber, Christy Chen, Althea Bean, Adriana, Sarah Hinton, Ebony, Leah, Brian and Emily, Heather, Karen, Leota, Michelle; Members; Bjorn Paige, ACMA Principal

AGENDA

New Business

1. B. Lewis called meeting to order at 7:02pm. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. B. Lewis gave general idea of what PTO meetings entail, how they stick to an hour.
2. B. Lewis review June's Minutes. Voted to approve June's Meeting Minutes - T. Schiff motioned to approve; C. Germer seconded; all voted to approve June's Meeting Minutes. Motion passed to approve June's Meeting Minutes.
3. C. Germer started with the Income & Expense Report.
 - Line by line gives breakdown of where our money goes every year.
 - Lots of things that didn't come in until after the school year was over. Income was everything from July 1 through now which is why there is income already.
 - Nothing has been spent yet.
 - Expenses are in that happen every year.
 - I&E is transparency.
 - This year we have a lot of funds in reserve, so we need to have a conversation about perhaps moving the money in a CD, and there is usually money leftover every year and we should figure out what to do with them.
 - Budget Rpt was approved by Bjorn Paige, Beth Lewis, and Celice Germer at end of year.
 - This is posted on the PTO website so members can look at it.
4. B. Lewis shared that with the Scholastic Magazine budget spent, we got a thank you card from the Spanish teacher to the full PTO for helping to fund this.
5. A question was asked as to what the Spectacular is, and B. Lewis gave a detailed description of the event.
6. Dance Funding Request - B. Lewis brought up the Dance request from C. Germer on behalf of Dance West, asking for an additional \$5k of discretionary funds.
 - This would be on top of the \$5k already budgeted.

- As it is a large request, the Board can advise the membership but not approve or deny. Board provides a recommendation, and then it will be voted on next meeting in October.
- C. Germer explained that this is to pay for a conference for HS dancers held in Pittsburgh. She explained the request and how Dance West has created a Booster Club.
- B. Lewis reported that the board discussed it last night, and this ask would take up all the discretionary funding for the year and this is our very first meeting. Teachers are just starting the year, so there was a board recommendation to approve \$2500 to Dance, leaving the PTO \$2500 in discretionary funds for the rest of the year.
- We will not vote on this tonight, but questions and comments are welcome.
- R. Espinoza commented that dance travels, but music has not been able to be travel—newer teachers don't know how this money requesting works.
- B. Lewis reported she met with all the teachers at the beginning of the year and explained how PTO funding works and how to request funds, etc. We are working on education.
- Michelle asked about if we needed to refill the discretionary fund with excess funds, would that be possible.
- C. Germer said we can pull from reserves if there is money there, but if there is no money in reserves we cannot pull from it.

7. B. Lewis introduces the Committees

- Staff Appreciation - R. Espinoza reported on how committee brings food to teachers for the week. Aly Buechler is our lead, but was not at the meeting.
- Green Team - B. Huber and C. Chen newly formed Green Team as of last year, they connected with Westview garden teacher and our garden teacher to work on ACMA garden. 10/9 looking for volunteers or green team members to come on teacher inservice day for curbside recycling event! Manage blue bottle bags as well. Check for info on website.
- Senior Activities - R. Espinoza and B. Huber are looking for 5 more parents to join to help them plan fun events for seniors this year. Don't have to be a senior parent to join!
- Spectacular - Will set up meeting with school next month. B. Lewis mentioned the Spectacular committee happens in earnest in the new year.
- B. Lewis expressed anyone can start a committee, and loves the energy and wants everyone to engage in their own way!

8. Fundraising Updates - T. Schiff

- **12/12** - Holiday Bazaar In the Commons, Sarah is working on a layout, there will be vendors who pay to have a table, have kids perform on stage. Event is taking shape as we speak. She is looking for volunteers to join the planning team.
- **10/17** - Timbers Game: they reached out to us, we get \$5 of every ticket, and there can be ways to expand it even more. If this goes well, we're going to hopefully expand into the Thorns, the Fire, etc.
- **10/20** - Restaurant Night, Shake Shack - Cedar Hills (same night as band concert)

9. Upcoming Events - B. Lewis gave update

- **10/20** - Band Concert
- **10/22** - Choir/Orchestra Concert
- **10/29** - Fall Fest Dance

9. Principal Update - B. Paige:

- Open Mic Night is a fun, loose event, where you sign up night of and students perform. It's casual good fun, 90 minutes tops. You can eat and watch a show! Week from today, happens almost every month.
- Students will come home with ACMA shirts tomorrow—design is by an ACMA student, voted on by the students. They also print some of the other designs in limited runs.
- Busy times as the year is just starting. Happy everyone is here, invited everyone to also come to the Coffee that he hosts—nice to meet with other parents who are kindred spirits. It can be a lot to be a parent of a teen and a preteen! September is a weird and wonderful month, so much energy just goes into the starting of school!
- Accreditation: Every 5 years schools go through an accreditation process through an outside org looking at every detail of the school. There's a parent survey in the Monday Message, thanks to Margaret Fitzgerald who keeps everything running—if you can fill out the survey, please do. You have till the end of September to fill it out. Visit will happen in October, 26-28th.
- B. Lewis asked Mr. Paige how best for parents of new students to find out everything happening—he said to look at the online portals, there are screens with announcements, and look for all the posters around the building.

10. Old Business -

- After School Snacks - B. Lewis reminded of the discussion from last year around are there snacks for students with evening activities. Since it is a school event, the nutritional guidelines apply from the District. We are moving this discussion forward, and starting with a pilot to see how one activity works, currently in the “yes, let's do this” stage but are working on implementation.

11. Volunteer needs will come through M. Wilkerson, there will be a volunteer training before the next in person meeting.

12. Meeting Adjourn at 8:02pm