

CMCA P.T.O

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2016

There was a good turnout for our first meeting with 13 parents in attendance.

1. The meeting was started with introductions. Enthusiasm was present for supporting the building of community among CMCA families, supporting teachers/staff, and supporting the spiritual and physical needs of the campus. Several ideas were presented and areas identified. It was fantastic to see the desire to support the ongoing growth. Some common themes included the idea of creating opportunities for families to come together and get to know each other better beyond the class their kids were in, development of extracurricular activities or clubs supported by parent gifts/talents/time, beautification projects of school property, student quality of life, support of programs like box tops and clinks, equipment needs(i.e. playground gear, balls, etc.), supporting the development of internet access in each classroom.
2. MISSION: Lisa Bussiere presented the P.T.O mission statement. ***The purpose of the PTO, in keeping with the school's Biblical beliefs, as stated in the Central Maine Christian Academy handbook, and to glorify God with our God-given abilities and gifts, is to enhance and support the educational experience at CMCA, to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parent involvement, and to improve the environment and community at CMCA through volunteer and financial support.*** Michelle Sanford opened in prayer.
3. Lisa Bussiere shared feedback from the teachers meeting she attended on 3/28. She reported the #1 request from teachers was support in initiating the availability of internet access in each classroom. More research needs to be done on what is required to make this happen and how the PTO can support this effort for the start of the 2016/17 school year. Emphasis of activities/projects within the PTO should be not to create more work for teachers but to take the burden off. Another idea of initiating Classroom Parent Volunteers for each class at the start of the next school year to help support the teachers and classroom throughout the year.
4. Officers. Co –Chairs are Lisa Bussiere and Michelle Sanford. The request for a volunteer to be Secretary was put to the group. Miranda Sepulveda stepped forward to volunteer for this at this time. The Secretary will record and distribute minutes from the PTO meetings.
5. Lisa Bussiere closed the meeting with Prayer and adjourned promptly at 5:30p.m.
6. Upcoming Activities:
 - Teacher Appreciation Day-May3rd. Lisa Bussiere to follow up on eliciting support for PTO sponsored teacher's luncheon.
 - National Day of Prayer-May 5. Michelle Sanford to follow up on eliciting volunteer to develop virtual prayer chain for parents to sign up for blocks of time to pray for school and staff.
 - Social/Light Refreshments after end of year concert/Talent show May 24th. Michelle Sanford to organize volunteers to bring refreshments. Lee Averill volunteered to help set up.

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- End of Year Field Day. Last day of school, May 24th from 9 am-11 a.m. Michelle Sanford to coordinate parent volunteers and plan event. Lee Averill and Tina Bryant offered to help. We will be seeking 2-3 parent volunteers from each class to set up games and runs games to make this successful. Lisa Bussiere will be organizing ice cream sundaes for the event and will be seeking parent volunteers to assist with that.

Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of the month. **Our next meeting is scheduled for May 3rd @4:30 p.m. All are welcome.** Your support and enthusiasm as we begin this effort has been appreciated.

We would like to create a group email for the P.T.O. The purpose of this is to enhance communication and keep families informed and involved even if they are unable to attend the meetings. Please let us know that you would like to be included in group emails for the CMCA P.T.O either by filling out the form below and returning it to the office or by sending us an e-mail. Thank you for your support.

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I would like to be included in the group e-mails for the CMCA PTO.

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