

# PTSO Minutes 11/14/2024

- Ruth motioned to call the meeting to order. Ron seconded. Motion passed.
- Mr. Khan had no new news.
- Mrs. Duncan had no new news.
- Fall festival was a hit. Pumpkin contest was a lot of fun and made \$312.
- Winterfest 2025: PTSO will help. A caterer was picked and the venue was chosen.
- The students chose The Empire Room at Bel-Air Bowl from several options. It is below the bowling alley and includes decorated tablecloths, iced tea, and water. •It's \$25 per person. Ron and Regina covered the \$600 as a donation, but we need to consider fundraising for next year. PTSO can help make the pay as you go (\$2/per) soda bar into an open soda bar. We could also help buy props, possibly. We could get a photographer, but yearbook is also interested in doing photos. PTSO can sell small items during Santa's Cottage to help fundraise, too.
- Tickets will be \$40, which is \$15 extra, before winter break and \$50 after winter break. A headcount is needed 12 days prior, but they'll ideally have a general headcount by break. It will be announced at morning convocation.
- Winterfest's date was also moved to the 15th of February.
- Santa's Cottage is December 9th-13th. After discussing the price difference between nonprofit and for profit, we voted to run it as nonprofit so it is less cost prohibitive for students. We will need volunteers. Maybe we can set up a survey monkey. If caught up and with teacher permission, older students could volunteer. The hours will be during lunch, then 2-4.
- Discussed Financials. Deposited \$300 of pumpkin money. CD paid interest.
- Santa parade booth is on the 29th. It's busy for about an hour. Lot of stuff, all \$2. We'll announce every day. Upper school students can volunteer solo and younger students can volunteer with parents. Ron and Regina buy the supplies, so it is all profit for GFA. We might need a second electrical source. We'll really push for volunteers. We need at least 10 people.
- Family Steam Night is December 13th.
- Student voices: an international night is in the planning stages for January. Volunteers will be needed and more info is to come.
- Sweetheart Dance for younger students the last Saturday in February. A committee will get together on it, soon. Thinking PreK-form 3.
- Next meeting December 12th at 4:30.
- Regina motioned to end at 5:10. Mr. Khan seconded. Motion passed.