

Board Attendees: Candace Borum, President  
Leanne Hollingsworth, Vice President  
Leslie McCreary, Treasure  
Sue Angel, Secretary  
Parents

Discussions:

Candace started the meeting by showing the t-shirts that the PTO is selling. She had all sizes for people to see the sizing.

**Leos**

- 20/36 kids on teams have outgrown their leo.
- Most of the leos that people want to sell are smaller sizes - like kids small.
- We are at a crossroads as to what to do since there are not enough larger sizes for sale that the ones that have outgrown them can buy.
- Do we just order all new leos or only certain teams or how to work it out?
- There are only 9 leos that can be sold to other girls.
- We are open to hear what everyone else has to say.
- Monica offered out on the internet to see if another team would be interested in buying all the leos.
- One parent asked if we could just buy leos by team and not all teams be the same.
- If one person has a different leo than the rest then there may be a lot of drama and fell out of place.
- Just the leos without a warm up are \$280-\$350 and a lot of parents do not want to spend that money.
- Maybe if we can get some Corporate Sponsors then a portion of the money can help reduce the leo costs.
- The parents can organize a car wash or any fundraiser outside of the PTO and just the kids that participate get money.
- PTO will put together an email to send out to the parents to let the parents vote.
  - A parent suggested to put a time limit on the voting - say you must vote within 24-48 hours.

Update: Everyone will be getting new leos - Optionals will be getting sleeved leos (\$280) and all other teams will be sleeveless (\$75). Money due October 15th. We will use same warm ups as last year.

### **Coaches Appreciation Week**

- October 6-12th
- Falls into the team parent role
- Nothing elaborate, something simple will work

### **Fundraisers/Events**

- Halloween Party
  - Will be October 25th at Elevated Mountain Distilling in Maggie Valley
  - Family event
  - Friday night and so we are working with Monica to have a makeup practice on Saturday for those who want it.
- Plum-leo Fundraiser
  - We will have a code for people to go to a website and order leos and we will get a portion of the sales.
- Corporate Sponsorships
  - Letters that you can use are on the website.
  - We would like everyone to get a Corporate Sponsor.
  - We will hang their banner and they can have a booth at our open house to advertise to the parents/families.
  - Corporate Sponsor monies go into the PTO general fund to be used for all kids.
  - We will also have a banner for families to donate to sign their name and hang it in the gym. One banner for all families that want to donate.
- Chair-ity fundraiser
  - Putting it off until the parent viewing area is set.
- Holiday Parade
  - Nov. 23rd
  - Theme is Peace on Earth
- Fundraising is different this year. More of a community type of fundraiser - have events that families pay a small fee to attend. But we will still sell a few things like the Christmas wreaths.

## **Gym/Facility**

- Update on the Pit
  - Water keeps getting deeper and deeper.
  - A plumber came out to look at it and has ordered a sump pump to be installed permanently
  - Have to have all the water out before the concrete guy can pour the concrete. Concrete guy is not available until next week and so that gives time to install the pump.
  - It's not something we can put a temporary band aid on. It needs to be permanently fixed.
  - We have pumped the water out and it just fills back up. So we have to install the pump.
  - A parent asked if the pump has a back up battery so that the pump still works if the gym loses power.
    - Candace is going to ask the plumber but she knows for sure that it has an alarm that sounds if it shuts off for any reason.

Update: I checked with the plumber, and consulted with another plumber not involved at all, both concur that there is NOT a need for battery back up. The pump can be run off of a generator if ever there were a need to do so.

- Monica is still trying to recoup some of the team fees that were not paid last year.

## **PTO News**

- Right now we only have 3 team parents.
- The team with the most PTO memberships will win a pizza party.
- If no else joins the PTO we will not have money for the banquet or we will have to fundraise for the banquet.
- We need to stop trashing the PTO. We all have to join together as a community.
- There is a negative connotation around the PTO.
- We are a support group for the gym and we need to all work together.
- People need to come and participate instead of just sitting back and complaining.
- Parents want more communication.
- Parents like the idea of being more of a community building fundraisers instead trying to sell so much stuff.
- We need to get new family packets going to give out to new families that join.

- One mom suggested that we explain what the PTO does and email it out to everyone and make a comparison of what has changed from last year.
- Being a 501C3 is not feasible for us since the gym wouldn't have any say or involvement and we couldn't do anything for the gym.
- A parent suggested that we have deadlines for signing up for everything.
- Leslie is going to send out an email saying we need everyone to participate to be successful.
- PTO newsletter is interactive.
- PTO has a website. It's on OSEGA's web page under Teams and at the bottom of the list.

### **Meets**

- USAG sent out registration emails. You should have already registered.
- AAU Monica will do the registrations.
- Acro will get their meet schedules in November. Most of them are in Maryland. The region is SC to Maine. All their meets are far away. They are fundraising with Chemo bags to raise money for some of their travel expenses. See attached flyer. Contact Kim Wood or Melissa Cola for more information.

### **Meetings**

- PTO Member meetings are on the 1st Monday of each month.
- Next meeting is Oct. 7th at 6:30

### **Pit Update - September 23 -**

Original concrete contractor quit on Wednesday, 9/18. Monica met with 2 additional contractors and awaiting formal bids. We have been made aware, through this process that the pit was not dug to the correct depth. They will correct that. Both of them feel like it is a 1-2 week completion timeframe on the work. Hopefully work will commence this week (9/23). Both state the work can be completed with the gym equipment back in place, so we are back to regular schedule beginning Monday, 9/23.