**Emerson Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

1. Welcome
* Meeting came to order.
1. Science Night
	* ARMS – Adult Role Models in Science
		+ Downtown Madison Kiwanis adopted Emerson
			1. At that time (25 years ago), Emerson had the highest population of children who were homeless
			2. Saw a need for more science programming at Emerson
				1. Started Science Night
				2. Grew to Lakeview, Mendota, Hawthorne
				3. Now district-wide
				4. Plus after-school programs, classes, etc, to incorporate more science into curriculum
				5. Capacity building with teachers
				6. Mentors for students
			3. More UW students now volunteer and receive training via ARMS
	* Science Night (April 25th) is a culmination of all the efforts during the school year
		+ ARMS coordinates these district-wide
		+ Dinner at 5:15
			1. PTO provides vegetable and a drink
			2. Celebrate 100th anniversary of Kiwanis
			3. Quick activity in the cafeteria
		+ Teachers have placed attendees in their sessions based on advanced RSVP
		+ 6:00 is the start of the first session
		+ 6:45 session two starts
		+ In the past, there were alternating years with a science fair
			1. Found it was less interactions and most work done at home versus hands-on at the event
			2. Could incorporate having students conducting sessions at Science Night itself
		+ Science Expeditions is March 31-1st
			1. Open house on UW campus
2. Adolescent Experience
	* Looking at Madison middle school experience
		+ Potential changes initiating in 2018-19 year
		+ Assessment of disparities in high school achievement
			1. Middle school seemed to predict later achievement
		+ Developed considerations to present to those present at meeting
			1. Receiving feedback district wide
			2. Other sessions at a variety of venues to receive feedback from wider population
3. After School Program
	* Next family dinner is May 18th
	* Around 50 students enrolled
		+ Close to capacity currently
		+ Many students are getting extra hours on Lexia
4. Principal’s Report
	* Budget
		+ Some discretion allowed with Title funding
			1. Most allocated to staffing
				1. 100% social worker
	* Playground update
		+ Productive meeting with the city
		+ Phase three might occur this summer
		+ More accessibility
5. Treasurer’s Report
	* Dance raised $375
	* Bake sale $588
	* Sale of compost bags = $162
	* Expenses
		+ DJ is actually $375 but we had a credit with him so only needed to pay $125
6. Committee Reports and Volunteer Opportunities
	* Events
		+ Dance - positive response to the dance
			1. Had many volunteers and offerings for the bake sale
				1. Someone needs to volunteer to chair this event
		+ Parent Teacher conferences coming up April 6th
			1. PTO provides lunches
		+ Spring beautification in April
		+ Madison Mallards is May 30th
		+ Playtime Productions, April 18th
		+ Hockey Game
			1. Raised $100 check
			2. 50 tickets sold ($2.00 kickback to Emerson)
			3. Star Wars characters were a big hit
			4. Could add having the mascot come to school if PTO wants this again
7. Adjournment – Thank you for coming!

## Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4th

Agenda items for next meeting:

* Trends on PTO fundraising – Kirk Stone
* REAP