

Mesquite Educational Paraprofessional Association

Staff Development/Business meeting was held on September 30, 2019 at Poteet High School

Meeting started at 10:23am

Lisa Porter welcomed everyone and thanked our two speakers of the day; Kelly Smith and Shari Halpin

Lisa Porter led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Lisa Porter introduced the 2019 – 2020 MEPA Board Members

- Lisa Porter – President
- Deloria Harmon – President Elect
- Tara Carpenter / Carmen Trevino – 1st VP Programs
- Annette Gilbert – 2nd VP Membership
- Misty Boatright – Secretary
- Debbie Faires – Treasurer
- Monica Garcia – Historian
- Yvonne Smeltzer – Parliamentarian

2019 – 2020 MEPA Committees

- Jackie Graham Chapman – Hospitality
- Kim Bingham – Publicity
- Renee Duncan
- Vickie Cline

Special thanks to Teri Craig on designing the logo for Journey On.

Deloria Harmon reviewed minutes from the last meeting. They were approved and will be filed for audit purposes.

Debbie Faires discussed the budget. It was approved and filed for audit.

Debbie Faires discussed the Stem Program and Scholarships

- Stem Program requires 60 completed hours in order to receive the one-time 500 hundred stipend
- PSP is the National Program (See Debbie Faires for more details)
- Scholarship: MEPA gives 11 High School students \$1,000 each
 - Para's MEPA gives 4 Para's \$750 each
- All applications for those scholarships are due by March 1, 2020

Annette Gilbert discussed that we had a 1,079 members that joined in 2018 – 2019

- There have been 625 members to join for the upcoming year; September 2019 – 2020
- September 30, 2019 is the last day to join for payroll deductions but you can still join in October.
- Lisa informed us you could join MEPA by going on the website

Kim Bingham discussed the process of nominating the Para of the Month.

Kim Bingham also discussed that MEPA is on social media; Facebook, Twitter, MEPA website and the email is MEPA@mesquiteisd.org

Yvonne Smeltzer discussed the Holiday Bazaar, which will be December 14, 2019 at Poteet High from 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Yvonne Smeltzer also discussed the pecan fundraiser that is going on now.
The mix bag fundraiser will be going on all year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am

Submitted by
Deloria Harmon for Misty Boatright
MEPA Secretary 2019 – 2020