MNES PTO Minutes
January 9, 2020

Call to Order - Co-President Tracy Binkley called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm in the MNE library.

President's Remarks – Asked attendees for introductions and commented that the PTO distributed Holiday Gifts to the teachers.

Principal's Remarks - Mr. Feldman welcomed everyone and commented that that it was nice to have a 2 day week after winter break. He commented that students are in the winter benchmarking period – 1st grade does Math, 2nd-5th does Math and Reading assessments. He thanked the PTO for helping to support Helping Hands and the gifts were very much appreciated. Finally, he encouraged reading to reach the school goal using MyON.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes were presented from the December 12,2019 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by Cynthia Young. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was presented. Helping Hands has a balance of approx $960. They received $1500 from Juniper Village and many other donations. Get Air fundraiser netted $119. Motion for approval was made by Sarah Dwyer and seconded by Keith Resseler. The motion was unanimously approved.

Funding Requests -

1st and 2nd Grade – requesting $453 for craft paper rolls in many colors. Benefiting all 1st and 2nd grade students for bridges lessons and displays of student work. Motion for approval was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by Sarah Dwyer. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Meyer's PALS program – $200 to start collections of games and snack for PALS program. Program pairs buddies between MNE and MNMS to foster skills and unique needs of the elementary students will fostering MS students for leadership, Tier 2 level intervention. Motion for approval was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by Amy Baldwin. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kindergarten – requesting $1000 for field trip to Eisenhower Auditorium, Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed. for craft paper rolls in many colors. Benefiting all Kindergarten students. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports –

Fun Run – Nicole Craft. No new update -still need committed volunteers for planning and work in advance. Anyone interested in helping next year can contact FunRun.MNE@gmail.com A sign up Genius will be circulated to collect names/contact info.

Yearbook – April Cockburn. Initial sales have ended. 18 or 19 donated to-date and >200 orders. Cover Contest winner was Hudson Pell-Gibson. Send photos to MNEyearbook@gmail.com

Book Fairs - Marnie Kocher and Heather Duncan (needs confirmation as new co-chair). Fall Book Fair supports free book for each student in spring. Spring Book Fair will be during conferences.

Box Tops – Kirsten Leitzinger. March 1st is next collection due date for submission. Fall earned us $448.90 Information is available for electronic clipping at https://www.boxtops4education.com

Helping Hands – Tiffany Meyers. Supported 15 families during the holiday season. Lots of coordination of support from community

Marianna's – Jennifer Lulis. Afternoon pick up is preferred and for the next sale we will select a date in late April.
Shade – Steve Williamson. No new updates.
Restaurant/Community Nights – Jocelyn Pezalski and Jenny Kaniecki. Waiting on money from Home D. Get Air earned $119.71. Next scheduled event is The Field (Feb 3) events.
Movie Nights –Due to decreasing interest and very few attendees, future movie nights are cancelled.
Kindergarten Connection - Kari Williamson. Centre dance night is being coordinated with Tiffany Meyers.
Hospitality – Lisa Edwards, Martha Sherman, Heather Wagner and Shaweta Gupta. Planning mailbox treats and bathroom supplies.
5th Grade Party – Susan Ishmael. Trying to repeat last year at Military museum, etc. Grilled Sticky fundraiser is planned for Feb.
Exploration Fair – Keith Ressler. Feb 25th – had draft of flier and parent letter etc. Soliciting proofreaders. Date will be held firm.
Library Events – Dustin Brackbill. Feb. is 2nd family book club for 3-5th graders, may is 3rd book club. Read-a-thon is to be scheduled close to spring break. Lit fest planning to start soon.
Spirit "Swag" Wear - Maggie Slattery. Concerns about outstanding orders and vendor response. No sprign sale and will reevaluate later in spring for next fall.
Morale - Currently partnering with hospitality.

New Business –

Interest in Community Movie Night at a Movie Theater like in years past (C. Young).
Interest in meditation/mindfulness/yoga offerings for students (D. Oziemblowsky)

Announcements –

Reminder - All events require volunteers. Several events have struggled with only a couple dedicated volunteers. All volunteers for the year will be put in a drawing for a $50 gift card to Plaza Mexico - donated by them during our community night. The more times you volunteer, the more times your name will be in the drawing.

Gift Card winner was Amy Baldwin. Faculty/Staff gift bag winner was Marcie Rocky. Motion to adjourn was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by Tiffany Myers. The motion was unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Slattery 2/6/20