MNES PTO Minutes
November 14, 2019

Call to Order - Co-President Tracy Binkley called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the MNE library.

President's Remarks – Welcomed everyone and no specific comments except that new business will be about volunteer participation and the need for consistent volunteers.

Principal's Remarks - Mr. Feldman welcomed everyone and noted that clothing drive was a great success. 3167 lbs of clothing was donated after the community was able to come and take what they could use. Thanks PTO for food donation and teachers for leading the event in collaboration with MNMS. He and other SCASD teachers will be participating in the YMCA Polar Plunge. The PA future ready index is now online and is a new format for progress in accessing schools. He will discuss more in depth in the future.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes were presented from the October 3,2019 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Mark Feldman and seconded by Kerrie Ferchalk. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was presented. The vast majority of Fun Run donations have been deposited. Motion for approval was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by JNicole Craft. The motion was unanimously approved.

Funding Requests -

Art supplies- Gabriella Smail-

$76.74 for air dry clay. For 1st-5th grades, approx. 300 students. Clay is a part of the district's art curriculum. Motion for approval was made by Lisa Edwards and seconded by Courtney Laninger. The motion was unanimously approved.

$45.20 for Innovart Printing plate. For K-5th grades, approx. 400 students. Printmaking is a part of the district's art curriculum at all ages. Motion for approval was made by Andrea Snyder and seconded by Lisa Edwards. The motion was unanimously approved.

Holiday activity- Kindergarten – $75 to purchase materials for creating houses formerly known as gingerbread houses (with graham crackers). For all kindergartens, approx. 60 students. Motion for approval was made by Nicole Craft and seconded by Lisa Edwards. The motion was unanimously approved.

Helping Hands– $50 per family (14 families) to purchase household and personal care items that can't be purchased with other aid programs.The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports –

Fun Run – Discussed plans for next year - need committed volunteers for planning and work in advance. The day-of volunteering seems to work out. Challenges with needing clearances. Survey results were positive, key takeaway point was to have activities for kids while others are running. Anyone interested in helping next year can contact FunRun.MNE@gmail.com

Yearbook – April Cockburn. 5th graders Cover contest is on-going, 63 sold and 14 donated to-date. Due Dec 9th. Send photos to MNEyearbook@gmail.com

Book Fairs - Marnie Kocher and Heather Duncan (newly recruited co-chair). Fall Book Fair supports free book for each student in spring.

Box Tops – Kirsten Leitzinger is Overall chair. Grade captains have been found for all (Martha is now for 3rd and Tracy for 1st). Grade captains worked well and boxtops were submitted at the beginning of Nov. Information is available for electronic clipping at https://www.boxtops4education.com

Helping Hands – Tiffany Meyers. Will support 14 families during the holiday season. Will partner with Elks club and YMCA. looking for ideas for delivery to maintain confidentiality. PTO offered past spiritwear sale clothing as donation.

Marianna's – Jennifer Lulis. First sale was on Oct 29 and was successful. In the future, more than 2 people are needed to distribute hoagies.

Shade – Steve Williamson. No new updates.

Restaurant/Community Nights – Jocelyn Pezalski and Jenny Kaniecki. Plaza Mexico was successful!! HomeD (Nov 21), Get Air (Dec 5) and The Field (Feb 3) events are scheduled.

Movie Nights – Tanya Labosky and April Cockburn are chairs. Mary Poppins Returns is scheduled for Oct 4. Due to decreasing interest and very few attendees, future movie nights are cancelled.

Kindergarten Connection - Kari Williamson is chairing. No updates.

Hospitality – Lisa Edwards, Martha Sherman, Heather Wagner and Shaweta Gupta are chairs. Collaborating with new Morale Committee. Coffee cart was successful, lots of donations. Nov 25th will be hot cider and hot chocolate bar. Dec 11th is the holiday luncheon.

5th Grade Party – Susan Ishmael. Trying to repeat last year at Military museum, etc. Grilled Sticky fundraiser is planned. Need to pick a date.

Exploration Fair – Keith Ressler. Working with Heather on transition. No other update at this time

Library Events – Dustin Brackbill. 1st family book club was successful. Host with Eva Pell, a local author.

Spirit "Swag" Wear - Maggie Slattery. Spirit wear sale is complete. All but 4 orders were online. Total of approx 50 orders.

Morale - Currently partnering with hospitality.

New Business -

Volunteers - 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.

Announcements - Gift Card winner was Susan Ishmael. Faculty/Staff gift bag winner was Gabby Smail. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Slattery 11/25/19