MNES PTO Minutes
Sept 12, 2019

Call to Order - President Tracy Binkley called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm in the MNE library.

President's Remarks – Welcomed everyone and commented on excellent attendance.

Principal's Remarks - Mr. Feldman welcomed everyone and noted that Back to School night was a success and a great welcome to the new faculty. As of Sept 12, there are 383 students at MNE. On the last day of school last year there was 359 so there is some growth in the student population. The newly planted shade tree is thriving, and the students are curious about it.

Reading and Approval of Minutes - The minutes were presented from the May 2, 2019 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Tim Robicheaux and seconded by Dustin Brackbill. The motion was approved.

Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was presented. Nancy Ulba funds need to be discussed. Some funds were spent on spirit ware for new students. Motion for approval was made by Andrea Snyder and seconded by Lisa Edwards. The motion was unanimously approved.

Funding Requests -

Juniper Village transportation- Request for $318 for transportation for 6 classrooms to visit Juniper Village. 13 of 19 classroom trips will be accommodated by the SCASD shuttle, this request was for the other 6 trips for which the shuttle isn't available. Motion for approval was made by Lisa Edwards and seconded by Heather Duncan. The motion was unanimously approved.

Fun Run- $1000 for fun run supplies, some of which will be durable and reusable year to year. $500 will be used for gifts and prizes. Motion for approval was made by Andrea Snyder and seconded by Linda Giles. The motion was unanimously approved.

Pizza for Fire Company Volunteers – On Oct 11 the Boalsburg Fire Company will come and speak with students. The request is for funds to supply the fire fighters' lunch as a thank you. The necessary amount was uncertain but estimated to be approx. $100. Motion for approval was made by Nicole Kraft and seconded by Keith Ressler. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports –

Yearbook – April Cockburn will remain as chair. 10 free yearbooks will be provided by vendor for low-income students per contract agreement signed last year. Send photos to MNEyearbook@gmail.com

Helping Hands – Tiffany Myers is chair. No other update as of now.

Box Tops – Need a new chair. The PTO makes >$1000 per year. Changing to electronic "clipping". Information is available at https://www.boxtops4education.com

Fun Run – Nicole Craft is chair and has done a great job getting things ready for the upcoming event. Pep rally is scheduled for next Friday – packets will go home that day. Lots of gift items have been donated. Prizes will be evenly distributed – all students get one chance to win the raffle. Water bottles for all students could be an alternative to t-shirts for each student and will be investigated. Looking for more cash donations. Anyone interested in attending or helping in any way can contact the committee at FunRun.MNE@gmail.com

Book Fairs - Marnie Kocher is requesting a co-chair for this year. Scheduled for the week of Oct 17-18, 9-3pm. Monday and Tuesday of that week from 3-6. Need volunteers for Oct 17-18, a Sign-up Genius will be emailed.
Marianna's – Chair is needed. Historically the first sale is delivered for Trick-or-treat.
Shade – Steve Williamson is chair. $1500 still allocated to plant 5 more trees. Ferguson Elementary also has donated a tree in memory of Nancy Ulba.
Restaurant Nights – Jocelyn Pezalski and Jenny Kaniecki are new chairs. Interested in Get Air event. They are contacting other locations as well.
Movie Nights – Tanya Labosky and April Cockburn are chairs. Mary Poppins Returns is scheduled for Oct 4. Other dates are scheduled and listed on website.
Kindergarten Connection - Kari Williamson is chairing. First event was September 7th at Orchard Park, was successful as a number of families attended.
Hospitality – Lisa Edwards, Martha Sherman, Heather Wagner and Shaweta Gupta are chairs.
5th Grade Party - Chair is needed. But there is some interest and those leads will be contacted.
Exploration Fair – Chair is needed. Heather is willing to share helpful info. There is some interest and the executive group will follow up.
Library Events – Dustin Brackbill is chair. Nothing to report at this time.
Spirit "Swag" Wear - Maggie Slattery is chair. Showed sample website to order spirit wear ala Spring Creek Elementary. Paper form will be available. We will include expanded options this year – performance fabric t-shirts, ringer tees, polos with embroidery. Magnets were favored over window clings. Request to include girls cut t-shirts.

New Business -

None at this time. Discussion of various fundraisers will be moved to the next meeting.

Announcements - Gift Card winner was Kristen Stamplis. Faculty/Staff gift bag winner was Andrea Snyder. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM. Motion for dismissal was made by Andrea Snyder and seconded by Lauren Ishler. Motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Slattery 9/13/19