MNES PTO Minutes
April 4, 2019

Call to Order - President Tracy Binkley called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm in the library.

President's Remarks - Tracy had a moment of silence for Nancy Ulba who was a great addition to our school and will be greatly missed.

Principal's Remarks - Mr. Feldman welcomed everyone and noted that the last 2 weeks have been challenging, but also noted the team effort by the school, parents, PTO and district in bringing in extra counselors into our school and supporting us moving forward. Thank you also to April Cockburn for the addition of a memorial page to our yearbook for Mrs. Ulba. PSSA testing is coming up and will be the first time our students will take the test online.

Reading and Approval of Minutes - The minutes were presented from the March 14, 2019 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by Maggie Slattery. The motion was approved.

Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was presented. Steve noted that 25% of funds collected from the Read-a-Thon will go to the AAUW and Schlow Library. Motion for approval was made by April Cockburn and seconded by Amy Baldwin. The motion was unanimously approved.

Funding Requests -

Second Grade - requesting $210 for 60 students to go to Millbrook Marsh on May 24th. Motion for approval was made by Maggie Slattery and seconded by Kerrie Ferchalk. The motion was approved.

Shade Committee - is requesting $1500 to purchase a 22 ft. tree for our playground. The cost of the tree is approximately $1375, of which Dr. Ferguson's Dermatology group would be granting us $1000. Steve and Mr. Feldman will contact Ed Poprick to get final approval and location. Ferguson Township Elementary school would also like to donate a tree in Nancy Ulba's memory.

Committee Reports -

Yearbook - April Cockburn thanked Tracy Binkley for the wording on the memorial page. So far, 216 books have been purchased, plus 2 will be given to the Ulba family, and 1 to the school. April will order 250 books, so that we will have 31 extras. Everyone was in agreement.

Helping Hands - nothing to report

Box Tops - Amy Baldwin noted that maybe the box in the hallway should be removed, since most students either give them to their teachers or put them in the PTO Box.

Fun Run - Amy noted that they would like to do T-shirts for all the students. Maggie Slattery noted that at Happy Valley Custom T's T-shirts run $6-7/shirt without ads on the back. Tracy Binkley noted that we could do tier donations, with certain amounts going on a banner and certain amounts going on the T-shirts. Fun Run committee will have more info before the next PTO meeting. Steve also mentioned the possibility that depending how much we earn from the Fun Run next year, we could pay for all the 5th graders to receive a free yearbook.

Book Fairs - April 22-26; PTO will purchase each child a book $10 or less. Volunteers will be needed.

Marianna's - Pickup is April 24th in the afternoon. Volunteers will be needed for sorting at 1:30 pm.

Shade - Steve Williamson noted that 5 more trees could cost an additional $200/tree.

Restaurant Nights - We are in need of a new committee chair. The owner of Rita's reached out to us to do a restaurant night, possibly before the school year is over. Also, Steve will look into Get Air before the school year is over.

April 11 from 5-7 pm - Dairy Queen (10% of sales will go back to us)
May - Sweet Frog

Movie Nights - Kari Allatt reported that the last movie night was a success. April would like to show "Mary Poppins Returns" next year.

Kindergarten Connection - nothing to report

Hospitality - Teacher appreciation is May 6-11th. Rachelle Coffey requested $1000 for teacher appreciation to possibly do a catered meal. Heather Wagner, Martha Sherman, Lisa Edwards, and Shaweta Gupta volunteered to co-chair the committee.

5th Grade Party - May 29th with a rain date of May 30th. Chaperones will walk with the 5th graders to the Military Museum. Grilled Stickies fundraiser sold 193 orders, which will net approximately $750. Cori Kalupson noted that Jump This will be $300, $50 for B94.5, $40 for the Military Museum, approx. $100 for the Funky Freezer, $240 for shirts, $115 to rent a Port-a-Potty, and $150 for a handwashing station. With the fundraiser and $75 already in the account from last year, only $500 at most is being requested from PTO. Andrew Snyder made a motion for approval and Kerrie Ferchalk seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Exploration Fair - Lisa Edwards noted that possibly using paper for Exploration Fair registration would be helpful in getting more students to sign up.

Library Events - Dustin Brackbill noted that March was Busy with Lit Fest, the Read-a-thon, and PJ party. April will be the Scholastic Book Fair and May will be the Book Club.

Spirit "Swag" Wear - Maggie Slattery noted that T-shirts for new students and kindergarteners would be $7/each She requested approximately $750. Motion for approval was made by Andrew Snyder and seconded by Amy Baldwin. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business -

New Officers - Co-president position is available for next year. Interest in the Secretary position was presented to Tracy Binkley but not yet finalized.

Nancy Ulba Memorial Fund - Nancy's friend Nicole started a Facebook donation page to be used for teachers' classroom supplies. So far, $1345 was collected plus paypal donations. Nicole would like to do it annually around April 10th, Nancy's birthday.

Fundraising Ideas - A MNE parent brought to PTO the idea of selling seeds. Maggie Slattery introduced a Mabels Labels fundraiser in which we would receive 20% of sales. Maggie is willing to organize but it might be better at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Feldman thought maybe a window in spring with all these fundraisers that parents could choose from would be a good idea. Marcy Rockey also mentioned the fundraiser cards that we had sold a few years ago.

Other Topics - Andrew Snyder mentioned the Beaver Stadium Run to support Pennsylvania Special Olympics. MNE staff and friends are forming a team "MNE Runs for Nancy". Families are welcome to wear maroon and gray and join in the run with the team, or make a donation on the MNE Runs for Nancy team page.

Announcements - Gift Card winner was Maggie Slattery. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM. Next and final meeting for the school year will be May 2, 2019 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the library. Motion for dismissal was made by Kerrie Ferchalk and seconded by everyone. Motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Tanya Labosky 4/8/19