MNES PTO Minutes
January 3, 2019

Call to Order - President Tracy Binkley called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm in the library. We had introductions of everyone present.

President's Remarks - Welcome back! Classroom allowances went out before break.

Principal's Remarks - Mr. Feldman welcomed everyone back! He thanked the PSU interns who partnered with the PTO for the soup and can drive which brought in over 250 lbs to the State College Food Bank. He also thanked Mrs. Myers and the Helping Hands committee for making the holidays more special for 14 MNES families in need. The faculty worked together with the PTO, YMCA, and the Elks club to make it happen. He thanked Dr. O'Donnell for helping to facilitate the visit of the PSU Lacrosse coach Jeff Tambroni to Mrs. Styer's class. Three winners were also chosen before the break for the yearbook cover contest. More will need to be discussed later to formulate guidelines for the cover contest next year.

Reading and Approval of Minutes - The minutes were presented from the December 6, 2018 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Scott Fritz and seconded by Tim Kamats. The motion was unanimously approved.

Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was presented. Motion for approval was made by Dustin Brackbill and seconded by Marcie Rockey. The motion was unanimously approved.

Funding Requests -

4th grade will be requesting funds for Penn's Cave at a later meeting.

Marcie Rockey - may be requesting $100 or less for 1 bus to go to Juniper Village to read to the residents. Marcie also did report that we won the Trail of Trees contest. The $250 check will go towards the School Wide Behavior Program

Committee Reports -

Yearbook - April Cockburn reported that we have 172 yearbooks including 9 donations.

Helping Hands - appox $160 of extra funds from the Holiday Drive will be set aside for an emergency fund

Box Tops - next collection will be in February. Counting volunteers will be needed.

Fun Run - nothing new

Book Fairs - Barnes & Noble book fair led by Marnie Kocher and Dustin Brackbill was a success, netting $262.64 for the library. The Spring Scholastic book fair will be during Spring conferences.

Marianna's - not definite about date yet, Friday before Memorial day was suggested

Shade - Meeting coming up of the 16th with every elementary school. Steve Williamson will be our parent representative and Marcie Rockey will be our teacher representative. Marcie suggested we request garbage cans on the playground. Linda Margusity suggested we address the mudpit on the "football field"

adjacent to the playground. It was also suggested that it will be awesome to have a track or walking path around the playground

Restaurant Nights - Heather Wagner contacted ChickFilA who is full until April, 5 Guys who will not discuss anything until the students come back, and Honeybaked Ham who said no, due to corporate restraints. Scott Fritz suggested Pizza Mia. Steve noted that we made approx $900 this year so far from restaurant nights.

January 30 or 31st - Applebee's
February - looking for ideas
March - looking for ideas
April - Dairy Queen
May - Sweet Frog

Movie Nights - Next movie will be "Cars 3" on January 25th in the all-purpose room. Kari Allatt volunteered to run the projector

Kindergarten Connection - nothing to report

Hospitality - the December Holiday luncheon was a success. Rachelle suggested that the leftover money be used towards LitFest. A new chair is being requested for next year.

5th Grade Party - Cori Kalupson stated it is coming together. It will be at the Military Museum. Chaperones will be needed.

Exploration Fair - February 25th, snow date will be February 26th. The Spark team and Discovery Space are scheduled to be present. Thank you to Kari Williamson for co-chairing. Item giveaway has yet to be determined. Mr. Feldman suggested we check with Tiffany Myers for ideas. Anyone with questions or ideas can email mneexplorationfair@gmail.com

Library Events - Dr. Seuss week is the last week of February. Lit Fest begins March 1st. Dustin is firming up an author Skype-visit with Peter Reynold's twin brother Paul. There might be a small fee involved in the author visit. Second round of the Parent Book Club will begin February 20th. The Read-a-thon will take place after Spring Break

Spirit Wear - T-shirts for new students and kindergartners or Fun Run t-shirts for everyone is still yet to be determined for next year.

New Business -

Zoom - Mr. Feldman suggested we look into the ZOOM platform for meetings and communication. It would require a moderator and a set of ground rules. It has great chat functions.

* April Cockburn also suggested we make the meetings an "event" on Facebook

Announcements - Gift Card winner was April Cockburn. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. Next meeting will be February 7, 2019 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the library. Motion for dismissal was made by Marcie Rockey and seconded by Scott Fritz. Motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Labosky 1/5/19