# MNES PTO Minutes

## February 8, 2018

I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by President Rachelle Coffey in the library

II. **President's Remarks** - Rachelle welcomed everyone

III. **Principal's Remarks** - Principal Mark Feldman was unable to attend the meeting

IV. **Reading & Approval of Minutes** - The minutes were presented from the January 11, 2018 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Karen Rossman Styers and seconded by Andrea Snyder. The motion was approved.

V. **Reading & Approval of Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Amy Baldwin presented the report. We received $192.50 from the Chipotle fundraiser and $65.00 from the College Buffet. Stipends are in the mailboxes. Amy presented a pie graph of our average spending cumulatively over the last 4 years. Motion for approval was made by Linda Marshall and seconded by Stephen Williamson. The motion was approved.

VI. **Letters of Communication** - Thank you card passed around

VII. **Funding Requests** - Mary MacDonald clarified that the Scholastic Magazines for 1st, 2nd, and 5th grades come from the Scholastic Dollars not from PTO funds

VIII. **Committee Reports** -

A. **5th Grade Party** - nothing to report
B. **Library Events/Lit Fest/Read-a-thon** - Lit Fest is on track, next week it will be promoted to the kids. Read-a-thon starts Feb. 26th. Dustin suggested 25% of collection go to a literary charity. PTO decided to donate equally to MidState Literacy Council and Schlow Library.
C. **Exploration Fair** - February 22nd, about 60 students signed up. Bake Sale is ready. And Karen Rossman Styers also suggested that we should sell Spirit Wear at the Exploration Fair
D. **Family Fun**
    a. **Restaurant Nights** - Pizza Hut maybe end of February, The Field maybe in March, and Marianna's will be April 25th
    b. **Movie Nights** - Next Friday "Wonder", Sarah Dwyer will buy the "Wonder" books for end of February School Wide Behavior Program
E. **Fundraising**
    a. **Fun Run** - nothing to report
    b. **Marianna's** - April 25th

c. **Scholastic Book Fair** - week of May 7th, it will be a BOGO sale and also a free book under $10 will be given to each student. We still need new chair for next year
d. **Box Tops** - approx. March 1st will be the next collection
e. **Giant A+** - ends approx. March 15th

F. **Hospitality** - Rachelle requested $150 budget to do swag bags for presenters at Lit Fest. Motion for approval was made by Stephen Williamson and seconded by Gina Frank. Motion was approved.

G. **Spirit Wear** - Marcie Rockey asked for approval to use a Mt. Nittany Hoodie for a big monthly prize for the School Wide Behavior Program. PTO approved.

H. **Yearbook** - 50 days left, 177 yearbooks sold with 9 donated. April Cockburn still needs photos from events.

IX. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Non-Profit Status** - We are approved and just waiting for the paperwork.

B. **2018-2019 School Supplies** - Survey results from the staff were presented with equal votes for a "per student equal across all grades" option and a "per student but different amounts per grade" option. It was suggested that for some teachers it is a burden to front the money for school supplies. It was also explained that when PTO fronted the money, very few teachers supplied receipts. Either way it will be explicitly written to parents that PTO is helping with school supplies but not providing each student completely for the entire year. Parents will need to supplement classroom and student supplies as the year progresses. Sarah Dwyer stated that realistically $6,000 would be needed to completely cover school supplies for an entire year. Rachelle suggested the teachers discuss both options and we have a final vote in March.

C. **Playground Trees/Bench** - Stephen Williamson researched the structure option. It would be a 2-3 year process for a grant. Trees were also researched. The Boy Scouts could plant the trees in April/May however we would need to supply the trees. Stephen will also research the idea of tree donations from local nurseries/landscapers, and also discuss the possibility of getting discounted trees that families could purchase to honor their children who attend MNES. Mr. Feldman contacted Ed Poprick who said a school district wide study on playgrounds/shade is in the works. It was suggested that we wait to plant anything until that study is completed for fear of our trees being taken out.

X. **New Business** - nothing

XI. **Announcements** - Mary MacDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy Alba seconded the motion. Motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Labosky 2/9/18