MNES PTO Minutes
January 11, 2018

I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm by President Rachelle Coffey in the library

II. **President's Remarks** - Rachelle welcomed Lianna Bubb to her first meeting as co-president

III. **Principal's Remarks** - Principal Mark Feldman welcomed everyone back after a long Christmas break. January evacuation drill will take place tomorrow. Second MAP window will be next week, with 1st graders taking the Math portion. Mr. Feldman will go into more detail about MAP scores and testing at a future meeting. The school board approved the extended school day with the addition of STEM beginning next school year. He also thanked the PTO and Tiffany Glab for helping 17 families during the Holiday Donation initiative. He received sincere appreciation from the families who received the donations.

IV. **Reading and Approval of Minutes** - The minutes were presented from the December 7, 2017 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Sarah Dwyer and seconded by Alison Witt. The motion was approved.

V. **Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report** - Rachelle presented the report. Gina Frank mentioned that we will be receiving a check from Giant A+ for over $100 at the end of March, and that we will be receiving $20 from Wellness in Motion. Motion for approval was made by Sarah Dwyer and seconded by Andrea Snyder. The motion was approved. We also received a check for $778.80 from Box Tops and a $30 check from a parent that will be added to the treasurer's report.

VI. **Letters of Communication** - passed around

VII. **Funding Requests** - Sarah Dwyer requested $150 for the treasure chest for the School Wide Behavior program. She also mentioned that businesses are welcome to contribute movie tickets, gift cards, etc. Mr. Feldman will send out an email to parents requesting contributions. Motion for approval of $150 was made by Mindy Sabol and seconded by Steve Williamson. The motion was approved. Later in the meeting it was mentioned that Feb. 16th we will be showing "Wonder" for movie night. The idea was brought up that maybe PTO could buy "Wonder" books for prizes for the School Wide Behavior program. Sarah Dwyer volunteered to go buy 8 books for the PTO. Motion was made to approve this book purchase by Sarah Dwyer and seconded by Andrea Snyder. The motion was approved.

VIII. **Committee Reports** -

A. **5th Grade Party** - Mindy Sabol and committee are considering the Boalsburg Military Grounds for the party. They might need to do a fundraiser, however $131.21 is already in the budget for it.
B. **Author Visit** - Roxie Munro gave the library a print. Dustin Brackbill noted Thursday, March 1st will be Lit Fest. He asked if PTO would want to run the Read-A-Thon possibly the week after Spring Break. Sarah Dwyer approved it and Karen Rossman Styers seconded it.
C. **Exploration Fair** - February 22nd; it was discussed that there should be no more than 3 children to a project.

D. **Family Fun Nights**
    a. **Restaurant Nights** - no money from College Buffet. Pizza Hut will be in February, March is open (maybe The Field or Angelos), April will be the Marianna's hoagie sale, May will be Sweet Frog
    b. **Movie Nights** - the last movie will be March 23rd
E. **Fundraising**
    a. **Fun Run** - we will discuss more at the May meeting for next year
    b. **Marianna's** - April with more limited choices and after school pick-up
    c. **Scholastic Book Fair** - nothing to report
    d. **Box Tops** - next collection will be February
    e. **Giant A+** - nothing to report
F. **Hospitality** - Holiday luncheon was a success in December. Teacher Appreciation week is May 7th
G. **Spirit Wear** - nothing to report
H. **Yearbook** - presale is done. We sold 167 books including 7 donations.

IX. **Unfinished Business** - still waiting on Non-Profit status

X. **New Business** - Motion was made by Mindy Sabol and seconded by Lisa Klinke for stipends of $50/teacher (approx. $1400 total). Though the motion was approved discussion came up about different plans for stipends due partially to the needs of a 5th grader vs. a 1st grader. Rachelle made it clear that the PTO has never promised to cover all costs for school supplies, but the intention of the PTO is to offset some of the costs for parents. It was also brought up that if we can estimate our income vs. expenses from the last 5-10 years then we can plan better and earlier for subsequent years. Rachelle asked that the teachers come to us next month with a list of their needs per grade. She will talk to Amy Baldwin about estimates from other years. Mindy Sabol also mentioned that if, at this time of year, teachers have a wish list for hand sanitizers, tissues, pencils, etc. then we should send an email out to parents requesting those items. A previous PTO discussion also never resolved was the tree/shade issue. Dr. Ferguson, a MNES parent and dermatologist, presented at last school year's meeting about shade on the playground. Ideas about trees and structural canopies were thrown around, but we were reminded that Ed Poprick would need to be involved for anything structural on the playground. Mr. Feldman will look into it. Steve Williamson will be on the "Shade Committee" and speak to Dr. Ferguson.

XI. Announcements - Mindy Sabol made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Klinke seconded the motion. Motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Labosky 1/12/18