Mount Nittany Elementary School PTO Meeting
April 9, 2015

Minutes

A. Call to Order: 6:52PM. Introductions
B. Presidents' Remarks – Tracy Binkley / Alison Martin. Welcome
C. Principal's Remarks – Mrs. Latta. Not able to attend.
D. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Susan McWhirter
   Spelling corrections. Motion to approve. Approved by Lisa Edwards/second by Stephen Haas. Unanimously passed.
E. Reading and Approval of Treasurer's Report – Holly Kononchuk
   Approximately $5,600 will be needed for outgoing expenses through the end of the year, possibly leaving us approximately $2,000 to start next year. Limited funds currently available in the budget. Further discussion around fundraising. We are looking at a large fundraiser in the fall – possibly Great American or something similar. Motion to approve. Approved by Stephen Haas/second by Mrs. Rockey. Unanimously passed.
F. Funding Requests
G. Letters of Communication
H. Committee Reports
   a. Author Visit / Library events (winter) – Mr. Brackbill
   b. Box Tops for Education (ongoing) – Caren Bloom-Steidle. There will be one more collection at the end of the year.
   c. Exploration Fair (winter) – Jamie Cunningham. Chair will be needed for next year.
   d. Family Fun Nights (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey. Movie night May 1st in the all purpose room.
   e. 5th Grade Party (May/June) – Rachelle Coffey, Mrs. Hipp, Lisa Davis. 24 students sold almost $1,000 in stickies. They will not be doing anymore fundraising. PTO confirmed that would provide the difference up to $1500. A location has not been determined. They are still trying to work out prices with Tussey. That is their first choice. Spring Creek is still being discussed as well.
   f. Fundraising (ongoing) – TBD
      - Great American – looking into the need for a big fundraiser in the fall so that we do not need to deny funding requests early in the year.
      - Marianna Hoagie Sale (fall) – Beth Adams
      - Restaurant Cards (spring) – Tracy Binkley
      - Restaurant Nights (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey. Five Guys is April 16th from 5-8. Sweet Frog is May 20th. There is some concern from Sweet Frog. On fundraiser nights, Sweet Frog normally adds extra staff on to prepare for extra business. When schools on that end of town have fundraisers, they get large turnouts. When MNE does them, the attendance is not great and SweetFrog ends up losing money, so they are a little hesitant with our group. We need to make this next one a positive showing!
      - Fun Run (fall)- Mrs. Rossman-Styers
      - Giant A+ for Education (ongoing) – Kathryn Bainbridge

g. Helping Hands (ongoing) – Tracey Binkley
h. Hospitality (ongoing) – Rachelle Coffey. Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week in May. They are planning something for everyday. Some thoughts include Milkshake Monday, Taco Tuesday, Warm Soup Wednesday, Thanksgiving Thursday, Fudge Friday. They plan to do toilet paper again and other added items. No funding request will be needed. Everything will be donated.
i. Ice Cream Social (May/June)– Jen Banfield and Lisa Davis. Lisa and Jen are meeting on Saturday. It was briefly discussed that perhaps the event go back to the way it was done in the past where those attending would need to pay to get in. The budget does not really allow for $1200 this year. There were a few ideas of having a cost and a free component to the event. Jen & Lisa will put together some ideas as well as well as potential funding request.
j. Labels for Education (ongoing) – Kirsten Leitzinger
k. Playground (ongoing) – Monies were raised through Box Tops – some portion will be funding a piece of playground equipment. Ed Poprick (OPP) also committed $2,000 to the playground. Basketball hoops, lines for the blacktop.
l. Scholastic Book Fair (fall and spring) – Traci Thomas
m. Spirit wear (ongoing) – Mrs. Hartzler and Mrs. Rockey
n. Yearbook (Ongoing) – Jennifer McCann. Jen met with Mrs. Latta. The yearbooks will be $15.50 and order forms have gone out. Alison Martin will collect the envelopes from the PTO box and keep track of orders. Jen needs empty envelopes to place order.

I. New Business
- Electronic correspondence: request was made by the administration not to send any written correspondences out. Request was made by the teachers to be included in all correspondences then. Mrs. Belinda sent a follow-up email after the meeting clarifying that written correspondences can be sent out – however, ample time should be provided.
- Mrs. Latta was approached by the MNM Principal regarding the sign at the bottom of the hill. The cost would be $3,600 and would be split between the two schools. Mrs. Latta emailed the information to Tracy to discuss with the PTO. Most of those in attendance did not feel this is a PTO expense. There was discussion that it is needed. For next meeting, we will find out how MNM is paying their half and talk with Mrs. Latta to find out if this falls under the building budget. This will be tabled until May meeting.

J. Unfinished Business
- Officers are needed for next year. Discussion occurred regarding term limits, time of year that officers are elected. Suggestions: recruiting new members at the ice cream social, out in the community, at the movie night, etc. Materials: testimonial from former officers expressing the highlights of holding office.
- Recruitment to meetings – inviting people each meeting, are certain weeknights problematic, could certain topics be highlighted to be covered each month.

K. Announcements

Next Meeting – May 14, 2015 Mrs. Marshall's classroom

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm. Motion to approve. Approved by Lisa Davis/second by Rachelle Coffey. Unanimously passed

Respectfully submitted by Susan McWhirter. To be approved after review at May meeting.