

Morris County School of Technology
PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – 7 PM via Zoom

President – Lisa Tubbs

Vice President/Membership Chair - Jen Vnencak (absent)

Secretary – Amy Ghelli

Treasurer – Katia Yousuf

Hospitality Chair - Anisha Patoir

Scholarship Chair - VACANT

Fundraising Chair - Debbie Arntzen

Apparel Chair – Kathy Felch

Call to Order: 7:00 PM Total attendees: 45

Principal Menadier's Message:

- Thank you to everyone for a smooth start to the school year.
- Looking forward to Full-time Back to School Night on Thurs. 9/21.
- Save the Date: Friday, November 3 – Homecoming dance

Child Study Team (Amber Szuch, Jen Geuther, Rachel Ciottariello):

- Rachel, Amber & Jen spoke about the Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG). It's an advisory group that is parent organized with CST involved that is in place to provide input to the district on issues concerning students with disabilities.
- SEPAG is organizing a presentation on college admission for students with special needs.
- Please contact Rachel, Amber or Jen if you are interested in joining SEPAG. More information about SEPAG with resources is here: <https://www.mcvts.org/Page/190>

President's Report (Lisa Tubbs):

- Thanks to Mr. Menadier for providing location for new onsite PTO storage cabinet.
- Received thank you note from Ms. Shane for PTO support of Teachers Summer Institute refreshments.
- Approached by student completing Eagle Scouts project related to an MCST outdoor classroom for a donation to purchase supplies. Agreed to donation request.
- If you are interested in volunteering for one of the following positions, please email lisaitubbs@gmail.com: Shadow in 2023-2024 for opening in 2024-2025- Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Hospitality Chair. Opening for 2023-2024- Scholarship Chair.
- PTO Meeting Dates (Tues. 11/14, Tues. 1/16, Tues. 3/19 & Tues. 5/21. All 7PM Zoom)

Vice President's/Membership Report (Jen Vnencak):

- Jen not in attendance and did not provide a report.

Treasurer's Report (Katia Yousuf):

- Please see the 2023-2024 budget attached.
- Approve budget:
 - o Anne Smith – first
 - o Debbie Arntzen – second
 - o All approved

Hospitality Chair Report (Anisha Patoir):

- Staff Welcome Back Breakfast was held on 8/30. Thank you to parents who donated and to the volunteers who helped at the event. Food was catered by IHOP.
- Upcoming:
 - o Career Technical Education (CTE) Month event (Valentine's Day)
 - o Teachers and Staff Appreciation Lunch (early May)
 - o Junior Class and Alumni Panel event (early June). College freshman from MCST Class of 2023 come back and participate in a panel discussion answering student questions about college application process and first year of college experiences.

Apparel Chair Report (Kathy Felch):

- New apparel company is Squad Locker which will be open all year and ship directly to your house. Link is on Facebook page.
<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/mcst-general-store>

Fundraising Chair Report (Debbie Arntzen):

- Ready to submit licenses for Fri. 12/1 Bingo and the tricky tray baskets are in progress. Looking for help to solicit donations. Any new items from home can be donated.
- Hoping for a third event, possibly a Talent show in March.

Other Items:

- Parent question about how to donate to MCST Athletics Booster Club (visit <https://square.link/u/E3qS7BB5>).
- Parent question about share time Back to School Night (Thurs. 9/28)
- Parent question about receiving emails (Blackboard updates, check SPAM folder)
- Parent thanks for supporting Eagle Scouts project.
- Parent question on Bingo ticket prices (sales will likely begin mid-October)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:52 PM

Next Meeting: November 14 at 7 PM via Zoom