

Morris County School of Technology

PTO Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2023 - 7pm via Zoom

President – Lisa Tubbs

Vice President/Membership Chair - Jen Vnencak

Secretary – Amy Ghelli

Treasurer – Katia Yousuf (absent)

Hospitality Co-Chairs - Anisha Patoir & Natalie Vacca

Scholarship Chair - Kathy Felch

Fundraising Chair - Debbie Arntzen

Apparel Chair - Tracy Granata

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Attendees: 34

Principal's Message:

- Date for Prom (Full-time Juniors and Seniors) Friday, June 9 at The Meadow Wood in Randolph 6-10pm
- Graduation ceremony is on Wednesday, June 21 at 3pm at Mennen Arena

President's Report:

- MCST Family with December house fire GoFundMe goal was \$30,000; raised over \$42,000. Thank you to those MCST families that made donations.
- Yearbooks for sale \$55 each. Parent ads due 2/28. Website for submitting ad is a different company. (www.tributeads.com). Link on post in MCST Class of 2023 and MCST Parents Facebook pages.
- Senior class celebrations: In the past, PTO provided two parties, one after each rehearsal. Spent \$10,000 between 2 days including alumni t-shirts. There was interest in a traditional "project graduation" the night of graduation and into the following morning. Committee sent survey to students. 106 out of 179 replied. 68.9% of those responded preferred "Project Graduation".
As of now:
\$7,000 on hold from senior class celebrations budget pending feasibility of a 2023 Project Graduation. \$3,000 committed to a rehearsal party. MCST Athletics Boosters Club has also committed \$3,000 to the second rehearsal party.

Vice President's/Membership Report:

-253 families are PTO members. Increase of 3 members since last report.

Treasurer's Report: (provided by Lisa in Katia's absence)

- 10 staff members applied for grants totaling \$1,730.09.
- Getting requests for grants related for clubs, haven't received receipts yet.
- No reported issues with LumaPay.

Hospitality Co-Chair Report:

- To celebrate Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month and Valentine's Day, a Churro cart will be provided for staff during lunch. Gluten-free and allergen-free items will be available as well.
- Starting to work on Teachers Appreciation Luncheon in spring.

Apparel Chair Report:

- Fall sale went well, made \$657. Good feedback on Academy specific items. Will gauge interest for spring sale.
- Need a chair for Apparel for next school year.

Fundraising Chair Report:

- Fall Bingo+ Night went well, sold out at 200 people. Raised \$10,742.00.
- Spring Bingo+ Night will be Friday April 28. Planning for 25 baskets.
- State reports filed last week and accepted.

Scholarship Chair Report:

- 22 eligible senior students. Mrs. Brooks sends eligible students the application. Scholarship committee evaluates applications and selects winners.
- PTO awards three \$1,000 Scholarships. An additional \$1,500 is budgeted if the committee determines that additional students qualify for smaller awards.
- Questions from attendees in general about other available scholarships for seniors. Mrs. Brooks maintains a list of community scholarships. Information is available on the Guidance Department section of mcvts.org.

Other Items:

- Question from parent and discussion re: math midterms and finals. Lisa suggested parent reach out to guidance for more information.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:56 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7pm via zoom