

MMS PTO MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

1:30PM-Library Gallery

Attendees: Karen Reeds, Ross Baker, Kelly Gallagher, Anne Patterson, Dana DeGrazia, Mary Perczak, Marianne Terpack, Parent (Barsgen)

Call to order 1:34 PM by Karen Reeds/PTO President

- Introductions and welcomes to the board members.
 - President: Karen Reeds
 - Vice President/Fundraising: Dana DeGrazia
 - Treasurer: Anne Patterson
 - Secretary: Marianne Terpack
 - CHEERS: Dave & Amy Consiglio
- Online donations have raised \$203.00 to date.
- All board and committee positions are currently filled. Thank you to all of the volunteers.

Vice President/Fundraising Report. Given by Dana DeGrazia

- Hungry Howies \$153.00
- Dates for restaurant and DQ fundraising dates will be made available soon. Dates are set for Lyon Cantina through December 2017, Dairy Queen through October 2017, Hungry Howies through the year. Dana will be calling to look into McDonalds, Pinz & South Lyon Theater for possible dates as well.

Treasurer's Report. Given by special guest, Mary Perczak, former treasurer.

- Budget Review: end of the year, funds were at \$17, 601. \$14,527 after Washington Trip outstanding balance is paid. Proposed budget was reviewed and unanimously accepted.
- A separate account will be created to monitor the track the funds for Washington DC Trip.
- Funds raised using Busch's MyWay Card Cash for Education Program goes to designated students with remainder going to PTO fund.
- Computer was purchased for the Treasurer that will follow each Treasurer yearly. The expenditure for the computer was \$591.00 and was paid for by PTO.

Principal's Report. Given by Kelly Gallagher

- Millennium Middle School is now working with the Non-Profit organization, Blessings in a Backpack for South Lyon. This program provides food to those students qualifying for the free and reduced lunch program. Information will be provided in this week's Skylert update. Middle to late October is the target for the first food distribution which are done of Friday's.
- Updates to the grading system. One of which is the redo/retake policy and beginning this school year, both middle schools will utilize an 18-week semester rather than 6-week card markings. Semester and year-end report cards will be mailed home for all students.

- The school may be requesting some assistance with the Mustang Money Program by PTO purchasing/donating toward rewards.
- All students reviewed the handbook on September 13th.
- 2 Evacuation Drills have been completed successfully.
- Parent Teacher conferences will be on October 19. There will be online sign ups again this year, which will open on October 1.

Teacher/Staff Input. Given by Ross Baker.

- Response to WEB (Where everyone belongs) has been positive. WEB is requesting funds to purchase 6 banners to help welcome 6th grade students. Examples are: "Welcome Mustangs" and "Where Everyone Belongs". They are asking for \$185.00 for 6 banners. This request was unanimously approved.
- 8th grade Washington DC trip in March is excitingly moving forward. There will be a meeting on September 28th at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria for new families, those who couldn't attend the first meeting and anyone new interested in attending the 8th grade trip. Concessions will start up soon and Dana DeGrazia will be looking into string bags to sell to fund DC Scholarships.
- Field Trip plans so far are Henry Ford for the Pixar exhibit and other ideas are currently being discussed.
- PTO agreed to again fund a Mr. Peace assembly this year for 7th grade.
- Mr. Gilders is requesting funds to provide snacks for the students who visit the counselors. These funds will be used by both counselors. A request of \$100.00 for the school-year was made and unanimously approved by those attending.
- Careers person is asking for funds to provide Dairy Queen bucks which are used for Habits of Mind Club. Approximate funds needed will be \$40.00. Dana DeGrazia offered to solicit donations from DQ first. This request was unanimously approved by those attending.

CHEERS Report. Given by Karen Reeds.

- New email address is cheersmms@gmail.com
- Upcoming Volunteer needs--Cookie Exchange in December. Erin Wilson is Staff Appreciation Coordinator.
- Clothing Closet will be organized by Mrs. Besco. Thank you!

Old Business Report. Given by Karen Reeds.

- Box Tops/Monthly Drawing - Julie Konett is the Box Top Coordinator. \$218.40 coming in December.
- Spirit Wear-Coordinator is Laura Carino. Using Sports Hut. Logo approval needed.

New Business Report. Given by Karen Reeds

- Staff Appreciation. Would like to provide donuts for the teachers. Suggested date was October 20th. Unanimously approved.
- 8th grade dance and honors will be June 8. Honors will be done before the dance.
- An 8th grade dance coordinator is needed! Please consider volunteering for this event!

Next PTO Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 1:30 PM.