



General Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Location: MES Library

Attendees: Shannon Lavertue, Ashley Kenney, Tori Losh, Garret Walkup, Tikva Rose, many additional members of the MES community

1. Welcome
2. Housekeeping and Events Recap
 - Walk-a-Thon raised about \$4,800, which is amazing and more than was raised last year! The funds raised will be used for the bulk of activities throughout the year, including assemblies, teacher grants, teacher appreciation, etc.
 - New Morning Fundraiser continues every Wednesday in the month of October, with 5% of various proceeds (dependent upon the week) going to the MES PTO. For October 16, it will be 5% of all sales.
 - Welcome Back Hot Dog Roast was a success.
3. Committee Reports
 - No-Cost Fundraising
 - i. Box Top Contest continues; we earn quite a bit of money from this (approximately \$700-800 each collection)
 - ii. LaBonne's receipts also earn us quite a bit of money (approximately \$700-800 each collection)
 - iii. LaBonne's is also giving \$0.05 per reusable bag to Region 14
 - iv. Clothing Drive is coming up 10/21-10/23
 - v. Amazon Smile – need to confirm with Jessie Lynch how much we are receiving from this because Alionka thinks she alone has generated a sizable amount of funds
 - vi. Shop Rite – funds go directly to the principal and are typically used for hardship
4. Current Initiative
 - Monster Mash & Monster Afternoon – October 25, 2019 @ 6-8 p.m. and October 16, 2019 @ 2:35-4:00 p.m.
 - i. Tickets are encouraged due to capacity issues.
 - ii. Raffle baskets need donations. Need to send reminders out via room parents.
 - iii. Need to get an understanding of how many pumpkins to expect for the pumpkin contest, so we know how many tables are needed, etc. Tikva to pursue. Mrs. Benedict and Mitch will judge.
 - iv. At Monster Afternoon, the kids will be making scarecrows.
 - Burgers & Burritos Fundraiser – November 5, 2019
 - i. 15% of the day's proceeds will be donated to the MES PTO
 - ii. Encourage attendance via room parents reaching out to their classes
 - iii. Shannon to get the room parent email list to Ashley
 - Join a Committee!
 - i. See Alionka regarding the Yearbook. Shannon would also like to hand her involvement off to someone since it requires learning the process and this is her last year. Work starts very soon with picking the cover. Alionka suggested someone organize the teacher pictures. May require about three visits to get everyone.
 - ii. Misty Lewis to chair the Talent Show. Shannon will reach out to Misty, as Misty was looking to adjust the date.

- Scholastic Book Fair – November 1 – November 8
 - i. Andrea Anderson chairs and is wide open to accepting help, so message Andrea or Shannon
 - ii. Set up during conferences, both during the day and the evening, but also need volunteers to help kids pick out books
 - iii. Location TBD as MPR is currently being used as the Art Room
- Spirit Wear
 - i. Teachers are putting together a request list and we have offered to purchase something for Principal Komar
- Chunky Blanket Moms' Night Out
 - i. Working with Andrea Anderson to organize an event where you pay a fee and provide your own materials and Andrea will teach everyone how to make the blankets
 - ii. Trying to find a suitable date and sort out details. Allowing alcohol on school premise would require an insurance rider.
- Charitable Giving Month
 - i. Many companies will match employee donations in October (or throughout the year). Need to get the word out that MES PTO is a non-profit with a tax ID, so we will gladly accept donations.
- I Love Mitchell Night
 - i. Committee needs to be formed soon and Ashley is willing to chair as long as she gets support, as her work event she chairs is around the same time. Also, talk with Annie Musso.
 - ii. Time of year is TBD. Shannon suggested not right before tax season because people may be less likely to donate.
 - iii. Last time was at Old Town Hall with various restaurants donating food.
 - iv. Biggest draw is the silent auction, specifically the teacher-related items.
- Assemblies need to be booked soon. They were on hold until Shannon was able to confirm with Principal Komar.

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