

Minutes of the East Moriches PTO Meeting

May 1, 2024

A meeting of the East Moriches PTO was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the East Moriches Elementary School.

**PTO Board Attendees**: Co-President – Melissa Davis; Vice-President – Lauren Otto; Treasurer – Trish Specht

**PTO Guest Attendees:** Mr. Schneyer, Elementary School Principal, was present.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:09 pm. Melissa Davis welcomed everyone.

**Minutes:** The April 2024 Meeting Minutes were dispensed, and members reviewed them. The Minutes are also available online at <https://empto.org>. A motion to approve the April 2024 minutes was made by Lorraine and seconded by Tina.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Trish Specht read the Treasurer’s report.

**Events/Fundraisers Updates:**

1. Completed:
   1. Autism Awareness Month: Launched on 4/2 with a Spirit Week. Hope Kaufman co-chaired with Will Krammer. Each day, the theme was connected to facts about Autism (tie-dye day, pajama day, etc.) Students decorated puzzle pieces to decorate the cafeteria wall. Donations raised were given to the Nassau Suffolk Autism Society of America.
   2. Washington DC Trip Grab and Go Breakfast: was April 16. Melissa Davis was chairperson. 8th graders were provided with a quick bagel and water breakfast before embarking on their trip. Melissa ordered the bagels and Mr. Montpetit picked them up.
   3. Camp Paquatuck Scholarship: The PTO is sponsoring an East Moriches first grader with special needs to attend one week of camp (in addition to a parental financial contribution.) Hope Kaufman is chairperson.
2. Ongoing or Upcoming Business:
   1. School District Budget Presentation: by EMO Superintendent, Mr. Mittleman.
      1. Budget is 8th lowest increase on LI.
      2. District Goals:
         1. Maintain programs
         2. Minimize impact on the tax levy (20th lowest tax levy)
         3. Maintain staff levels
   2. Voting for Board Positions:
      * 1. President: Melissa Davis, 10 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain
        2. Secretary: Maureen LaRocca, 10 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain
   3. PTO Budget Presentation by Treasurer Trish Specht.
   4. Grades 3rd & 4th Bingo: April 18th. Lauren Otto & Melissa Davis. Mr. Schneyer said it was great.
   5. ES 2nd Grade Paint Night: 4/30; Lauren Otto. It was a great time.
   6. Turn of the TV Week: Week of 5/6; Melissa Davis. 22 $5.00 raffles weee given out to students.
   7. Teacher Appreciation Week: Week of 5/6; volunteers needed.
   8. Mothers’ Day Plant Sale: Thursday (M.S) & Friday (E.S.), May 9th & 10th. Lauren Otto is the chairperson. Volunteers needed.
   9. Kindergarten Orientation: 5/15, 9:45 am. Tina Quaglino volunteered to help. PTO is providing “Class of …..” EMO Eagle T-shirts for all incoming Kindergarteners.
   10. MS NJHS Induction Ceremony Refreshments: 5/16 @ 7 pm; chairperson needed.
   11. 8th grade Dance Decorations on 6/14: Danielle Munsch is chairperson.
   12. 6th Grade Bingo: is 6/11. Tina Balzano is chairperson.
3. New Business:
   1. 4th Grade Yearbook Signing Breakfast: 6/18. Melissa Davis is the chairperson. Tara Gassick will help.
   2. M.S. Fun Fair: 6/7. We need volunteers.
   3. E.S. Fun Fair: 6/21. We need volunteers.
   4. Chairpersons still needed for these June events:
      1. 4th Grade Moving -Up Ceremony Decorations and Refreshments on 6/24 (morning): we need volunteers.
      2. 8th Grade Graduation Decorations and Refreshments on 6/24 (evening): we need volunteers.
4. Comments/Questions:
   1. Discussion regarding the possibility of a Family Outdoor Movie Night.
      1. Mr. Schneyer said it should be free of charge.
   2. Will Krammer said it is pitch black at night in the parking lot after school meetings. Mr. Mittleman said outdoor lights will be installed at the MS field next year.
   3. Discussion on how to pay membership fee electronically.

There being no further business, Tina motioned to adjourn, and Mrs. Percoco seconded the motion. The PTO meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

The next P.T.O. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Elementary School.