

Minutes of the East Moriches PTO Meeting

January 18, 2023

A meeting of the East Moriches PTO was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the East Moriches Elementary School Library.

**PTO Board Attendees**: Co-President – Melissa Davis; Vice-President – Lauren Crennan; Corresponding Secretary – Maureen LaRocca; Treasurer – Patricia Specht

**PTO Guest Attendees:** The Elementary School Principal, Mr. Schneyer, and the PTO Teacher Rep Mrs. Percoco were present. Please see PTO Attendance Sheet dated January 18, 2023 for the names of other meeting attendees.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 pm. Melissa Davis welcomed everyone.

**Minutes:** The December, 2022 Meeting Minutes were dispensed after members reviewed them. The Minutes are also available online at <https://empto.org>. Motion to approve minutes was made by Mrs. Percoco and seconded by Jocelyn Kaleita.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Patricia Specht read the Treasurer’s report. Melissa Davis motioned to approve the report. Maddie Everhart seconded the motion. The following is a synopsis for December, 2022.

* DECEMBER:
  1. Accounts’ Opening Balances (12/01/2022) are:
     1. Operating (Checking) Account: $14,932.63
     2. Savings Account: $47,271.56
     3. AMA Account: $25,676.22
  2. Account Activity:
     1. Payment for Amazon Prime subscription: -$14.99
     2. Payment for Intuit Quickbooks subscription: -$92.33
     3. Deposit of Winter Wonderland Proceeds: +$794.00
     4. Deposit of PTO Membership Drive Proceeds: +$1,475.00
     5. Payment for Holiday Fair supplies: -$10,253.15
     6. Reimbursed Lauren Crennan for Winter Wonderland Supplies: -$218.75
     7. Payment to Scholastic for the ES & MS Book Fairs: -$5,249.00 & -$3,207.00
     8. Payment for PTO Membership Drive Supplies: -$44.38
     9. Purchase of Christmas Gifts for School Staff Members: -$450.00
  3. Accounts’ Closing Balances for December (12/31/2022) are:
     1. Operating (Checking) Account: $13,293.07
     2. Savings Account: $47,007.34
     3. AMA Account: $32,318.22

**Fundraisers/Events Updates:**

1. *Completed*:
   1. Moes Holiday Ornaments Fundraiser: ended on 12/10/22. Hope Kaufman chaired this fundraiser. 25% of sales went to the PTO. Thank you, Hope!
   2. Notepads & Pens for 2022-2023 PTO members – All active members were given a PTO pen and a ”Note to School” notepad as a thank you for their continued support. Maureen LaRocca spoke about this. Sue Oldring commented that the Notepads and Pens were packaged beautifully. Thank you, Maureen.
   3. M.S. Dodgeball was Tuesday, January 17th @ 6:30 pm. Karen Lee chaired this event. Thank you, Karen! Sue Oldring said there were many difficulties with setting up the teams for this event, especially with the 5th graders. There needs to be a better method for choosing teams. Thank you, Sue, for reorganizing the Dodgeball binder for next year. Patricia Specht and Maureen LaRocca will co-chair 5-8 Dodgeball next year. Thank you, Trish & Maureen!
2. *Ongoing or Upcoming Business:*
   1. Purchase of New M.S. Bike Racks: There was a vote on the purchase of new bike racks for the Middle School. The approximate cost is $6,000. The funds will come out of the AMA account. The purchase of new Bike Racks for the M.S. was approved with a vote of 10 yays, 0 nays. Thank you for your support!
   2. Purchase of M.S. & E.S. GaGa Ball Pits’ Surfaces: There was a vote to approve funding of approximately $6,000 to provide appropriate permanent surfaces for the GaGa Ball pits. The purchase of the GaGa Ball Pits’ surfaces was approved with a vote of 10 yays, 0 nays. Thank you for your support!
   3. Purchase of a Class Set of Ukuleles: The membership had a vote to approve funding for a class set of 30 ukeleles @ $59 each for approximately $2,500 from the AMA account for the district’s music department. The purchase of 30 ukeleles for the district’s music department was approved with a vote of 10 yays, 0 nays. Thank you for your support!
   4. E.S. K-1 Milk & Cookies Night : This event has been rescheduled to Thursday, January 26th, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Hallie Glick and Michelle Fernandez are co-chairs. The NJHS students and advisors will assist. Thank you, Hallie, Michelle and the NJHS!
   5. M.S. Grade 5 Bingo: This event is Thursday, January 26th @ 7:00 pm. Sue Oldring is chairing. Thank you, Sue! Sue requested that the NJHS students not be double-booked for PTO events. They were booked to help run K-1 Milk and Cookies Night on the same night that they usually assist at the M.S. Grade 5 Bingo Night.
   6. Popcorn Machine Purchase: Sue Oldring spoke about this. A commercial grade popcorn machine was purchased at Restaurant Depot to sell popcorn for concessions at events. Sue reported that she tested it out and it works great! Thank you, Sue. Sue requested that we purchase a rolling cart to store the Popcorn Machine on. She will research these and report back to us.
   7. Indoor Recess Bins: Lauren Crennan said she spent some time cleaning up the PTO Closet and replenishing the Recess Bins. Thank you, Lauren. The recess bins contain items for the students to play with during indoor recess (ie: Magnatiles, games, UNO cards, etc.) We need volunteers to help Melissa Davis swap out games every so often, especially during the colder months. Corina Goulden volunteered to help. Thank you, Corina!
3. *New Business:*
   1. M.S. & E.S. Souper Bowl Food Drive: The Souper Bowl will be held the week of February 6th. Melanie Adlah and Melissa Davis will chair. Thank you, Mel and Melissa! Please send in non-perishable food items, all of which will be donated to local food pantries. The Girl Scouts have volunteered to count the items each day. Thank you, Girl Scouts! There will be a contest between the M.S. and the E.S. Whichever school brings in the most donated food items, will have possession of the Souper Bowl Trophy until next year! May the most charitable school win!
   2. E.S. 3rd/4th Grade Sweetheart Dance: The Elementary School Sweetheart Dance for 3rd and 4th graders (and their accompanying adult) will be held on Thursday, February 9th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Tara Gassick is the chairperson. Thank you, Tara! Please RSVP using the QR code on the flyer that was sent home.
   3. M.S. Grade 7 Bingo: The 7th grade Bingo will be held on Thursday, February 9th @ 7:00 pm, Sue Oldring is chair. Thank you, Sue.
   4. E.S. Valentine’s Day Bake Sale: The Bake Sale will be held on Tuesday, February 14th during all lunch periods. At the request of the Kindergarten teachers, there will be non-food items available for purchase. We will also be selling popcorn at this event, thanks to our new Popcorn Machine! We need a chairperson for this event.
   5. M.S. Grade 6 Bingo: The 6th grade Bingo will be held on Thursday, February 16th @ 7:00 pm. Sue Oldring is chair. Thank you, Sue.
   6. M.S. Grade 6 Greek Olympics: The 6th grade Greek Olympics will be held on Friday, February 17th . A chairperson is needed for refreshments, preferably a 6th grade parent. The Chairperson will need to meet with Mr. Holl to determine if parents are permitted to attend this year, and adjust the amount of refreshments accordingly.
   7. E.S. Bingo Nights: are being planned for all grade levels in March. Dates TBA. Bingo events will be held for each grade level (on different nights) as follows: Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, and Grades 3-4. Concessions will be sold. Prizes will be awarded. The Co-Chairpersons are Beth Haney, Heather Bencosme, and Michelle Fernandez. Thank you, ladies!

**Questions and/or Comments:**

* Sue Oldring spoke about Mrs. Primavera, the district’s music teacher who retired a few years ago and has recently passed away. Years ago, Mrs Primavera was passionate about starting a World Drumming program in the Music Department. The PTO funded an African Drum Set for the World Drumming Program, which turned out to be very successful. Sue shared that three Middle School students, Andy Oldring, Will Dackow, and Thomas Weissbach recently participated in the HMEA competition for World Drumming. There is now an annual college scholarship in Mrs. Primavera’s memory, for a student pursuing Music studies. Thank you for sharing, Sue.

**Miscellaneous:** There being no further business, Mrs. Percoco motioned to adjourn and Melissa Davis seconded the motion. The PTO meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm. The next P.T.O. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Elementary School.