

Minutes of the East Moriches PTO Meeting November 21, 2017

A meeting of the East Moriches PTO Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 21st at 7pm in the East Moriches Elementary Cafeteria.

PTO Board Attendees: Vice President Dana McCall and Treasurer Nicole Smith were in Attendance.

PTO Guest Attendees: Dr. Russo, Jennifer Voelger, Lisa Johnson, and Alexandra Weeks were also in attendance. Please see PTO Attendance Sheet dated November 21st, 2017 for names of other PTO meeting attendees.

Meeting opened with the pledge at 7pm. Dana McCall welcomed all that came out to the meeting.

Minutes – Minutes of the October 24, 2017 PTO Board Meeting were presented and unanimously approved on a motion by PTO Member Susanne Oldring and seconded by Deborah Volkman, all members were in favor.

Ms. McCall went on to discuss the need for a laptop computer to be purchased for use by the PTO Board for accounting related purposes. The PTO members unanimously voted yes for the purchase of a laptop for the PTO Board. Ms. McCall went on to discuss the abundance of money the PTO has for a Not-for-Profit and looking for suggestions on ways to distribute. Will be discussed further at an upcoming meeting.

Stacey Cooper and Mr. Frey discussed the Sports Court noting the Project Plan will need to go to the School Board for final approval once it is ready to present.

The PTO Board also discussed taking down the old PTO Website and noting the new PTO website link will be accessed on the East Moriches School Website.

Treasurer's Report – Dana McCall presented financial Statements for the East Moriches PTO. PTO Members asked questions related to the PTO savings accounts and the 2018 Budget. PTO Members also discussed process of using checks as payments and if it should change moving forward. After questions and discussion with members, Ms. McCall noted the Treasurer's Report and Budget would be presented at the January 2018 meeting.

Vote for 2017-2018 Board

The PTO Board asked for a motion of approval on the following:

- a) Vote for Jennifer Voelger as President was unanimously motioned for approval by PTO members. *(Please see attendance sheet for list of members in attendance)*
- b) Vote for Alexandra Weeks as Recording Secretary was unanimously motioned for approval by PTO members. *(Please see attendance sheet for list of members in attendance)*
- c) Vote for Lisa Johnson as Corresponding Secretary was unanimously motioned for approval by PTO members. *(Please see attendance sheet for list of members in attendance).*

World Music Drumming Presentation

The PTO Board introduced Ms. Primavera and Mr. Farkas who joined the meeting to present information on the World Music Drumming Program. The Presentation included information on the background of the Program as well as the following Expectations for the program:

- Student participation-enthusiasm
- Active listeners
- Disciplined class behavior
- Students bond/ anti- bullying
- Multicultural exposure
- Performance opportunities
- Increases self-esteem
- Cooperative learning
- Opportunities to take risks

Ms. Primavera and Mr. Farkas discussed implementing lessons from the workbook provided from the World Music Program, noting they would purchase an additional workbook for both instructors. The presentation ended with discussion on pricing for a Drum Set, noting a set suited for a class size of 22 students would cost \$4,731.70 which would get this program started at EMO, noting add-ons to this package were available.

Ms. Primavera and Mr. Farkas answered questions from the PTO board and members. The PTO Board and members thanked them and they exited the meeting. The PTO Board will vote on the World Drumming Program at the January PTO Board meeting

Fundraiser/Events Update

Upcoming Fundraisers

- a) Holiday Fair – *Desiree’ Schneyer discussed*
 - a. Desiree and Dana Chairing Event
 - b. Middle School Fair Wed. 12/6 and Elementary Fri. 12/8 (All day)
 - c. Volunteers needed for evening tables/Students needed for Cookies/Wrapping stations
 - d. Prestige Products being delivered by 11/30
 - e. Need Raffle items
- b) Paint Night – *Jennifer Voelger discussed*
 - a. Rescheduled to January 11 due to low turnout
 - b. Palette Painting, Middle School child w/ a Parent
 - c. 6 choices of paintings to choose from
 - d. \$30 per person, PTO will profit \$5 of the \$30
 - e. Signup sheet on Website
- c) Chinese Auction - *Dana McCall discussed*
 - a. Save the Date (3/25/2018, 12pm-4pm)
 - b. Mill Pond Country club in Medford
 - i. All inclusive price per person
 - ii. Separate Cocktail room for Chinese Auction
 - c. Save the Date to go out for donations, volunteers
- d) Spring Book Sale - *Debbie Volkman discussed*
 - a. Per Deb V., no longer interested in holding event

Past Events Recaps

- a) Fall Fair Recap - Harvest Festival – 11/3 (K-4th)
 - a. Kim Brehm, Event Chair
 - b. Not a big turnout and not enough volunteers
- b) Milk & Cookies Recap– 11/16 (K-1st)
 - a. Ms. Primavera & Mr. Farkas, Event Chairs
 - b. Biggest Turnout; 95 Kindergartners & 1st Graders.
- c) SaveAround Recap – Jenny Voelger discussed
 - a. Raised \$1200
 - b. Difficult fundraiser
- d) Box Top – Sue Oldring Discussed
 - a. EMO was the 5th highest in Suffolk/Nassau County, 49th in NYS, for amount of Box Tops raised
 - b. Check for \$2277 on its way
 - c. We can register w/ ShopRite
- e) Book Fair – Sue Oldring & Deb Volkman Discussed
 - a. Scholastic Dollars were discussed noting the Balance was \$60 as of 11/21/17, new balance to show in the coming days

Suggested Events

- a) Dodge Ball – PTO Board and Dawn Baynon discussed
 - a. Dawn Baynon will Chair and will reach out to Gym Teacher
 - b. Typically starts Thursday after Winter Sports/Check H.S. Orientation Date
- b) Mixed Bags - Sue Oldring Discussed
 - a. Fundraiser for Mother's Day; would have to accomplish by end of Feb./Early March
 - b. 50% Profit; made about \$2500 profit last time
 - c. Selling Kitchen Gadgets, Laundry bags, Totes, Etc.
 - d. Need to finalize dates
- c) Glow Bingo - Sue Oldring Discussed
 - a. Too costly for company to come into the school, also Dobbers are too costly
 - b. PTO would run the Bingo
 - c. PTO members suggested Wingo instead
- d) CM Boys Soccer Varsity Team – Stacy Bartholomew discussed
 - a. Raising funds to purchase State Championship rings and jackets, looking to raise \$20K
 - b. Pancake Bkfst & Chinese Auction Fundraiser December 10

New Business

- a) By-Law Review Committee; Volunteers needed for committee to review the PTO Bylaws and to make changes as necessary. The following volunteered to participate in committee. Mr. Tom Frey, Ms. Stacey Cooper, Ms. Stacy Bartholomew, and Ms. Alexandra Weeks. Ms. Weeks to coordinate the committees first meeting.

There being no further business, the PTO Meeting was Adjourned on a motion from Desiree' Schneyer and seconded by Sue Oldring at 8:30pm.

*Next PTO meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 16, 2018
Update: Next PTO meeting scheduled for January 31, 2018*

EAST MORICHES PTO

Attendance sheet: 11/21/17

	Name	Phone #	Email
1	SUSANNE OLDRING		
2	Dawn Baynon		
3	Deborah Brown-Kill		
4	Valerie Paulson		
5	Rose Ann Ferraro		
6	Thomas Frey		
7	Michael Farkas		
8	Arlene Primavera		
9	Ed Schneyer		
10	Charles Russo		
11	Desiree Schneyer		
12	Stacy Cooper		
13	Arlene Primavera		
14	Mr. Farkas		
15	Stacy Barthelomes		
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