

## **Minutes of the East Moriches PTO Meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

A meeting of the East Moriches PTO was held on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the East Moriches Middle School Library.

**PTO Board Attendees:** President Jennifer Voelger, Vice President Kerri Kleine. Jessica Stevenson acted as stand in for Secretaries.

Meeting opened with the pledge at 6:05 pm. Jennifer Voelger welcomed all in attendance.

**Minutes:** President Jennifer Voelger requested the approval of the Minutes of the May 15, 2018 PTO Meeting, exempting the 10 person requirement. Dawn Banyon seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Jennifer Voelger provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report for the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 through June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 period noting profit and loss detail. Copies were available for all PTO members. Some items were not reconciled as checks were still pending processing.

### **Completed Events:**

Dawn Banyon gave brief overview of the Middle School Fun Fair Field Day. Field Day was postponed due to inclement weather. Dawn was able to negotiate the w/ the Slip N Slide Vendor to get them to agree to free use of the item for next year MS Fun Fair so that we don't just lose that money. Jenny suggested maybe we separate fun fair and field day to mitigate the chance of field day postponement impacting Fun Fair. No further discussion on subject.

Sue Oldring discussed 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bingo Makeup Day. Much better attendance. All went well.

Jenny Voelger spoke of the feedback she received from Jen Ryan who chaired the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance. The night went smooth. Jen Ryan had a small issue with photographer. There was some confusion with the flyer that SandCastle provided to Jen Ryan. Jen Ryan acknowledged not reviewing the flyer well before sending it to Cathy Taveras in MS Office. Cathy sent it home to students, but there was incorrect info on flyer. Jenny Voelger stated that can likely be resolved simply with better communication between chair and photographer. Stacy Bartholomew discussed that she utilized Sand Castle for the Sweetheart Dance and had no issues at her event. Kerri Kleine stated that Sand Castle is usually very responsive to emails and calls. Busy time of year may be to blame for him needing extra time to respond, as she is utilizing him for a PTO function as well. Jenny Voelger discussed that Sand Castle offers free Yearbooks to us because of the events we book him for so we need to decide if that works for us. Jenny again stated, better communication should alleviate any issues.

Jessica Stevenson discussed 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PTO Honor Roll, which was combined with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Academic Awards this year. Presenting of scholarships to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders went well. Mr. Carlson did thank the PTO several times during the night, but the fact that the PTO funded the "Honor Roll" was not evident. Jennifer Voelger noted that we had previously discussed pulling the Academic Awards from our budget, and it was discussed last meeting. Sue Oldring and Stacy Bartholomew wanted more clarification and to revisit the discussion. Sue wanted Jenny to confirm with Mr. Carlson that the incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students would not lose anything by us cutting this. Jenny stated that, per her understanding with Mr. Carlson, the school would take over those items.

(cords, sashes, pins, etc.) Jenny also noted that if we provide hospitality for this event, as we had in the past, perhaps the EMTA can fund those items, in the event the school requested. Jenny stated that she would have another discussion with Mr. Carlson to confirm that the school would take over the items, and that we can revisit funding those items for next year if necessary.

Jennifer Voelger stated that National Junior Honor Society refreshments were chaired by Diane Mastrole, and that all went well.

Dawn Banyon spoke briefly again about Fun Fair Field Day. Karaoke was a big success, in part due to the inclement weather and cancellation of some activities. Slip N Slide held over until next year so as not to lose that money. Field Day was being rescheduled.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Stacy Bartholomew has ES Fun Fair Field Day scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Stacy needs ice, but will discuss with Bart. There are 45 volunteers signed up. More would have been better, but it'll work. For future, she would ask that if Spirit wear is sold, that it be included as part of her event so that she can station someone there, as she lost volunteers to it this time.

Stacy got teachers signed up to participate in the Pitch Burst Activity.

Yearbook signing is upcoming. No further discussion, as Karen Lee wasn't yet in attendance.

Jenny Voelger stated that she is awaiting Dr. Russo's approval of the date for Movie Night.

Dawn Banyon made mention that the PTO Calendar for 18-19 SY has Harvest Fair after Halloween, and suggested it be moved to before Halloween. Kerri Kleine suggested we think about adding back in pumpkin decorating, which was part of the event in previous years.

More PTO members arrived, which got us to the 10 person minimum to approve votes.

Sue asked about Kindergarten meet and greet. This event didn't take place for the 17-18 School Year, but had prior. Erin Bielski stated that in prior years the event happened the day before school starts. New Kindergarten students are welcomed on the playground, with color coded name tags to see who their classmates will be. Teachers make a short appearance to say hello.

Popsicle treats, maybe PTO Membership drive at that time. Total event, less than 1 hour.

Dawn Banyon questioned whether the event can happen with or without teachers, thinking maybe afternoon would be better suited for parents. Jenny stated that it can happen if we have a chair, and Sue Oldring volunteered.

Stacy noted that Mr. Balzano said Sports Awards are typically the Tuesday after Field Day. There was some confusion this year, as the PTO was unaware until the night before the event that they were expecting refreshments. Mr. Balzano would like the PTO to continue to provide refreshments.

### **Voting on New Business:**

Jennifer Voelger motioned that we vote on the 2018-2019 Budget.

Jessica Stevenson seconded.

Extensive budget discussion took place at the May meeting, and the budget was available to all on the website for quite a while. TerraCycle was somehow left off, so it was added back in as a line item. Current budget is a "guide", and we can always motion to make changes as needed throughout the year. Line items are on budget so they can be discussed. Dawn Banyon noted that Save Around was missing, and that it should be put back on and left blank. Additionally, for the Upcoming year, she would like to revert back to KidStuff books. Dawn offered that she and Delina Cassidy discussed chairing the event for 18-19. Budget line for Spring Fling was left off, but the individual components

of the event are still listed as separate line items. Dawn questioned difference in hospitality budgets of each event, and it was noted that the budget is based on the size of the attendance of event. Dawn also stated Greek Olympics budget looked off, but Jenny said that Mr. Carlson took back that event. If Mr. Carlson requests that we cater it next year, we can always vote on it in a monthly meeting. 2018-2019 Budget passed unanimously. (10).

Sue Oldring asked about First Day of School. Jenny stated that the PTO Board will handle balloons for the first day.

Katerina Bartholomew asked to speak briefly. Katerina is the incoming corresponding secretary for the East Moriches National Junior Honor Society, and wanted to introduce herself. She is hopeful that the EMPTO and the EM NJHS can work together for the new school year.

Jessica Stevenson motioned to adjourn meeting.

Kerri Kleine seconded.

Meeting Closed.

Everyone Enjoy your summer!

(See following page to view attendance sheet. ☺)

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