

**Minutes of the East Moriches PTO Meeting
February 5, 2020**

A meeting of the East Moriches PTO was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 6:30pm in the East Moriches Middle School library.

PTO Board Attendees: President- Melissa Davis, Co-President-Melanie Adlah, Vice President- Kerri Kleine, Treasurer-Kerri Tufano, Corresponding Secretary- Sue Oldring and Recording Secretary- Patricia Specht

PTO Guest Attendees: Teachers-Mrs. Percoco and Mrs. Steuerwald and Middle School Principal- Mr. Holl. Please see PTO Attendance Sheet dated February 5, 2020 for names of other PTO meeting attendees.

Meeting opened with the pledge at 6:34 pm. Melissa Davis welcomed all that came out to the meeting. Melanie was once again our flag holder.

Minutes – Minutes were dispensed due to being posted online. Motion to approve minutes was made by Sue Oldring and seconded by Mrs. Percoco.

Treasurer's Report – Kerri Tufano shared the invoice for the Holiday Fair. We made a profit of \$869.10. Copies of the Treasurer's Report were made available for members to take.

Fundraiser/Events Update *Completed:*

- **Bingo**- Sue said that Bingo is going smoothly. Kindergarten had about 25 kids and Mrs. Percoco was there selling concessions. Grades 3&4 had over 150 people and all of the teachers were there to help out.
- **Frost Valley Bagel breakfast**- Was very well received and both kids and parents were very appreciative. Melissa stated that we got the bagels from Pete's Bagels this year at a cheaper price than other local bagel stores around town.
- **Dodgeball**- Kerri Kleine reported that both sessions were a great time and adults were asking if they were playing. Possibility for next year? Adult dodgeball?
- **Souper Bowl**- Elementary school won the competition 596-176. A prize will be determined after the PTO has a conversation with the teachers.

Fundraiser/Events Update *Upcoming:*

- **Sweetheart Dance**– Dana McCall is chairing this event and everything is all set. Dance is Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the ES for Grades 3&4. Lifetouch will be there to take the pictures instead of Sandcastle. All pictures will be digital and parents can order online after the dance. No money will be collected for pictures at the dance.

- Valentine's Day Bake Sale- Chaired by Dana McCall. Sign up Genius set up asking for donations on Facebook. Bake sale is February 14 in the ES during lunch periods.
- Greek Olympics- FACS students are making food for the students to eat during the event and there will be light refreshments for the parents. (coffee, tea, cookies) PTO is looking for two volunteers to help with this event.
- Bingo for Grades 1&2- PTO has submitted building usage form for approval. Once we hear back, date will be posted. Looking at a March reschedule date. Mrs. Steuerwald said she would send an email again asking for helpers.

New Business:

- Refilling Station-Interact Club- Melissa Davis asked Mr. Holl to speak to this. He shared that the Interact Club had raised half of the money needed to purchase the refilling station (\$500) and would like to ask the PTO to supplement the remaining amount to purchase the station(s). He stated that he was told that the previous board agreed to supplement this project. The current board does not recall seeing this in any of the minutes, but said they would be willing to match what they have raised. Mr. Holl also shared that Dr. Russo said that since the refilling station can vary in price, the district would be willing to contribute anything over the \$1,000 allotted budget. A vote took place and passed 12:1.
- Mixed Bag- Sue Oldring asked if the members were interested in doing this fundraiser again. She said it generated a decent amount of money and she would be willing to chair it again. It was decided that we should do it, especially considering that there will be no more plastic bags in stores in the upcoming months.
- THANK YOU- Again, a huge thank you to Sue Oldring and all of the local businesses who helped shower our schools with goodies over the past few weeks. Teachers and staff were very appreciative. Mrs. Percoco shared that it brought the faculty together and had them sit and chat with colleagues that they hadn't in a while. "Food for the body and the soul."
- Stacy Bartholomew had reported that she was speaking to Marielle from Kurt Weiss nurseries and they were wondering if we would like to partner with them and sponsor something towards a scholarship of some sort for Camp Paquatuck over the summer. (perhaps sponsor a special needs child or two from the community to attend the camp for a week or weekend) This idea was well received and Stacy was going to investigate this idea further.
- Stacy also reported that she was looking into the Mother's Day plant sale already and needs some volunteers to help on May 6 (PM), May 7 (MS AM) and May 8 (ES AM).
- It was also brought up that the PTO would like to host/sponsor a PTO Pantry in honor of Thomas Valva for teachers to use at the discretion for students who do not have adequate food during the day. We were thinking of asking the community for donations and keep a cabinet of sorts perhaps in the cafeteria. Need to reach out to Mr. Schneyer for his thoughts.

- Restaurant Night –Coral wasn't moving on their price/food choices, and was not what we were looking for, so we have decided not to go in that direction. Kerri K. thought of Mark from Luncharitos might be open to the idea. This will be investigated further. Buckley's is also still a possibility.
- St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale/Cupcake Wars- Kerri Kleine said that as of now, no one is chairing it, and she would do it if no one steps up. She said the event pretty much runs itself. She will be posting a request for help in the near future on Facebook.
- Mr. Holl mentioned that although we are switching photographers in regards to Sweetheart Dance and Graduation, Sandcastle still must be used for the yearbook, as a lot of time has been spent already inputting information and pictures. This is the case for this year, but going forward, we may use another company. Mr. Holl also shared that he has also left numerous messages for Sandcastle as well, and they only returned his call when he said that perhaps he should go in another direction for the yearbook.

Miscellaneous:

There being no further business, the PTO Meeting was adjourned on a motion from Melanie Adlah and seconded by Mrs. Percoco at 7:20 pm.

Next PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Elementary School.

EAST MORICHES PTO
 Attendance sheet: February 5, 2020

	Name	Phone #	Email
1	SUE OLARINO		
2	Deborah Bawkins		
3	Melissa Davis		
4	Thomas+Mary Frey		
5	William Hill		
6	Louise Ferraro		
7	Clara St. Louis		
8	Kerri Tubano		
9	Melanie Allah		
10	Trish Specht		
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