Minutes of the East Moriches PTO Meeting

November 9, 2021

A meeting of the East Moriches PTO was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:07 pm in the East Moriches Middle School cafetorium.

PTO Board Attendees: Co-President-Melanie Adlah, Corresponding Secretary- Sue Oldring and Recording Secretary-Patricia Specht

PTO Guest Attendees: Teacher-Mrs. Steuerwald and Middle School Principal- Mr. Holl. Please see PTO Attendance Sheet dated November 9, 2021 for names of other PTO meeting attendees.

Meeting opened with the pledge at 7:07 pm. Melanie Adlah welcomed all that came out to the meeting.

Minutes - Minutes were dispensed after members reviewed them. Motion to approve minutes was made by Tom Frey and seconded by Heather Bencosme. Melanie discussed that the website is in the process of being reconfigured and should be up and running by next meeting and Sue Oldring explained how "making motions" worked.

Treasurer's Report - Sue Oldring briefly explained the budget.

She also explained that we are in the process of going through the budget and making sure everything is in order. (There were a lot of duplicate budget lines, so Kerri is trying to streamline everything.) Copies of the Treasurer's Report were made available for members to take. Sue also said that we are looking for members to be on a budgeting committee. (Tom Frey asked to see budget from 2019, pre-Covid to do a comparison. Sue gave him a copy.)

Fundraiser/Events Update Completed:

﻿﻿Halloween Parade- Melanie Adlah spoke to this and explained how Baja Farm Stand lets us "borrow" a bunch of items for our display each year. It was suggested that we add a budget line for these items so we can support his business in the future. Home Depot donated a Fall themed backdrop for the event as well. The kids had a great time.

﻿﻿Trunk or Treat- Sue Oldring spoke to this event. She said there were 31 cars that showed up and there were about 200 kids that attended. The kids went around to cars several times and had a great time. True Value Hardware donated garbage pails which Sue decorated for the event.

﻿﻿Membership Drive-Sue Oldring said we currently had 75 members and asked everyone to encourage their friends to join the PTO.

﻿﻿Faculty Give Away- Sue Oldring set up the Eco Water bottles which were donated to the PTO in both schools for the teachers to take one along with some candy. Teachers were very appreciative, as per Mrs. Steuerwald.

﻿﻿Field Day T-Shirts- Melanie Adlah told the members that a check was deposited for a little over $1,600 due to t-shirt sales.

Fundraiser/Events Update

Upcoming:

﻿﻿Red, White and Blue Day- Mrs. Steuerwald spoke to this event. She explained that Ms. Ghosio, the new music teacher, would be creating a slide show and sending it out to parents to view from home. The link was sent out to parents via email. The PTO donated balloons and decorations which were set up by Sue Oldring.

﻿﻿Turkey Trot- Sue Oldring explained that this event is being chaired by Kerri Tufano and Matt Monpetit. There are a ton of sponsorships that they have received and they had 160 runners pre-registered for the event, as per Mr. Holl.

Mrs. Steuerwald mentioned that there was a separate event taking place on 11/20/21 to kick-off the race at Brewology from 12-3:00 pm to raise additional funds for the Lisa Ringhoff Scholarship fund.

﻿﻿Holiday Fair- Karen Lee is chairing this event at the ES and would be reaching out to volunteers to help work the event. The MS was still in need of a chair. (Tom Frey suggested doing another type of event in place of the Holiday Fair at the MS, such as a make-your-own wreath or gingerbread house. Maria Ahrens asked if volunteers needed to bring their own table to the event, the answer was no.)

﻿﻿Frost Valley Breakfast- Trish Specht will be chairing this event. Bagels, water, juice and clementines were donated by the PTO as a grab-and-go breakfast for the seventh grade students and teachers who were going to Frost Valley. Bagels were purchased at a discounted price from Pete's Bagels in Eastport.

﻿﻿Winter Wonderland/Holiday Family Fun Night- Lauren Crennan and Melissa Davis are chairing this event. This is a modified event due to Covid regulations. They plan on having a walk through light show, inflatables, a DJ, games, a photo booth and a Santa. Food and hot chocolate will be available for purchase. A discussion took place in regards to the amount of cars the event would generate and where it would take place. ( MS vs. ES; parking lot vs. back field)

New Business:

﻿﻿Sue Oldring. She mentioned that we still need a budgeting committee to review the budget for next year. Sheets were put out for committees that need chairs. Sue also spoke about the upcoming nominating committee and that we are still in need of a general member participant to be on the committee. Mr. Monpetit is the teacher rep and Sue is the PTO rep. She explained that the nominating process consists of three meetings; 1. Nominations, 2. Announcement of candidates and 3. Voting day. We are in need of an auditing committee, hopefully with some people who have a financial background and are good at dealing with finances. Sue also continued with her continuity training so that things do not get lost when new board members take office. Tonight she reviewed how to chair a committee and where the forms could be found in the binder.

﻿﻿Lauren suggested starting a "Polar Express Day" at the ES. Members seemed very interested in this event and were discussing moving forward with it and speaking to Mr. Schneyer about doing this during the school day. It was mentioned perhaps combining this event with Milk and Cookies Night, since it is not able to take place this year. (Kids would wear pajamas to school while enjoying PTO or donated snack/milk while listening to teacher reading the book. It was mentioned that someone should reach out to Tate's for the possibility of donating cookies. Corrin Abbatiello said she would look into it.

﻿﻿Melanie told the membership that her, Sue and Trish delivered Spirit Wear to the ES on 11/9/21 prior to the meeting and MS will get their orders in the next few days once boxes are moved over there from the ES.

Miscellaneous:

There being no further business, the PTO Meeting was adjourned on a motion from Tom Frey and seconded by Mrs. Steuerwald at 8:13 pm.

The next PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the ES cafetorium. (THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO DECEMBER 22, 2021.