

**Minutes of the East Moriches PTO Meeting
October 23, 2019**

A meeting of the East Moriches PTO was held on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30pm in the East Moriches Middle School library.

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

PTO Guest Attendees: Teachers-Mr. Montpetit, Mrs. Steuerwald and Mrs. Percoco, Elementary School Principal/Superintendent- Dr. Russo. Please see PTO Attendance Sheet dated October 23, 2019 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.

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

Treasurer's Report – It was reported that for the first time in a while we had made a profit from Spirit Wear of \$179.20. The book fair was a huge success. The total sales were over \$9,000 for the elementary school and almost \$5,000 in the middle school. We were under budget for the Harvest Fair and made \$170 from the 50/50. (It was recommended that we do the 50/50 frequently, as it is always a huge hit.) Kerri T. and Sue both said that Kidstuff is not closed yet, so we do not have final numbers at this time.

Fundraiser/Events Update *Upcoming:*

- **Halloween Dance/Trunk-or-Treat:** Kerri Kleine spoke about these events. She said she has everything all set to go and all volunteers are in place.
- **Milk and Cookies**– Helen Gruber and Hallie Glick will be chairing this event on November 14 at 7:00pm for kindergarten and first grade students and their parents. The information/milk request sheet was approved and should be going home soon.

- Turkey Trot-Mr. Montpetit was in attendance to speak to this event. He reported that the t-shirts should cost about \$3,500 and that last year we had over 300 runners. We renewed the website for the Turkey Trot this year and already have some people signed up. Mr. Montpetit explained that he hired a new timer and that they submit posts on Facebook. He also stated that an extra expense is that we have to pay the janitors to be there the day of the event. Melissa said she was going to reach out to the Honor Society about getting some much needed volunteers to assist in helping the day run smoothly. Mr. Montpetit is also looking for a volunteer to sit at the awards table, since there was a minor mishap last year. Kerri Kleine mentioned that Ms. Hayes might be setting up a table the day of the Turkey Trot to sell water bottles. Mr. Montpetit said she would need to be there by 7:30 to set up her table. The event should run from about 7:30-11:00 am with a 9:00 am starting time.

Fundraiser/Events Update *Completed*

- Summer Reading Ice Cream Party-Melane Adlah spoke about this event. She said that she ran a bit different this year by spacing out the ice cream and the toppings and it went very smoothly. The event was under budget.
- Book Fair- As mentioned in the Treasurer's Report, this event was a huge success! Deb Volkman said that the Middle School book fair did the best it has even done in four years. She said that the best way to increase sales is with the use of raffles for the kids. She said reported that they saw the prizes the first day, and then came back the second day with their money to buy a book in order to be entered into the raffle. There were a total of 7 raffles. This will be Deb's last year as chair, but she has found two people to take it over: Pauline Esposito and Kerri Ann Blair. Sue Oldring who chaired the book fair in the elementary school mentioned that there was an issue with teachers not having an adequate amount of time to shop for their own books using the money donated by parents during the Harvest Fair. Various possibilities were being discussed, including extending the book fair hours until the next day for the teachers and Mrs. Steuerwald suggested perhaps switching the order of the events. In other words, having the Harvest Fair the first night of the book fair and then allowing the teachers and kids to shop on the second day in school. This will be revisited at a later date.
- Kidstuff- Sue Oldring spoke to this event and stated that it is not officially done yet, as orders are still coming in and books are still being returned. She said that she would be sending home a reminder to send any unwanted books back to school.

New Business:

- Permanent Recess Artwork – Sue Oldring spoke to this once again. She shared her research with the group and suggested that we start basic and even do some of the stenciling ourselves, in the interest of saving money. (talked about having high school art students volunteer to help with this) Sue researched two different brands of suitable

“parking lot” paints: Sherman Williams and Benjamin Moore. Keri Tufano said that she was going to speak to a friend who might be able to help cover the cost of the paint. Dr. Russo suggested that Sue find out the requirements/ingredients of the paint so that he can share it with the district engineers. It was discussed to vote next month on allotting a budget line of \$500 for this project.

- Fun Run-Melissa Davis and Mr. Montpetit spoke to this elementary school-only event. Melissa explained that it is an eight day character education building program. There is a theme each day and the program culminates with a run on the last day during school hours, with a DJ, prizes, and lots of fun activities. This something which should take about ten-minutes a day in class and promotes positive choices. “Do the best and be the best, be all they can be.” A deposit is required ASAP. This will be voted on next month. (The event costs \$2,000, but most schools make at anywhere from \$8,000-\$25,000. Any money raised over the \$2000, would then be pure profit for the PTO.) Deb asked if there was any way to get the middle school involved in this event, and it was explained that it is geared for elementary school only.
- Restaurant Night – Keri Kleine and Melissa Davis spoke to this possible event. The board has been passing around the possibility of hosting an “Adult-Night Out” to take the place of the Chinese Auction, since we haven’t been able to find a chair for it. Since there is still much interest in people wanting to attend this event, it is being looked into being held at a local place with possibly about 20 larger scaled baskets. We were looking for a date in early Spring, perhaps a weeknight in March or April. Kerri Tufano was talking to someone at Tony’s Sushi and Buckley’s; Mike Valva was speaking to someone at the Chinese place in Center Moriches and someone mentioned speaking to Mary’s in Speonk.

Miscellaneous:

There being no further business, the PTO Meeting was adjourned on a motion from Mike Valva. and seconded by Melanie Adlah at 7:16 pm.

Next PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Elementary School.

EAST MORICHES PTO
 Attendance sheet: October 23, 2019

	Name
1	SUE OLDRING
2	Deborah Brown-Walker
3	Jacqui Smith
4	Tracy Lane
5	Thomas Gray
6	Luise Parkman
7	Wendy Dant
8	Lisa Pesce
9	CHARLES RUS
10	Melanie Adams
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12	Tracy Spent
13	Dawn Steuwald
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