

**Minutes of the East Moriches PTO Meeting
September 18, 2019**

A meeting of the East Moriches PTO was held on Thursday, September 27 at 6:30pm in the East Moriches Elementary School library.

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

PTO Guest Attendees: Teachers-Mrs. Steuerwald and Mrs. Percoco, Elementary School Principal Mr. Schneyer. Please see PTO Attendance Sheet dated September 18, 2019 for names of other PTO meeting attendees.

Meeting opened with the pledge at 6:32 pm. Melissa Davis welcomed all that came out to the meeting.

Minutes – This was the first meeting of the school year. Minutes were dispensed due to being posted online. Motion to approve minutes was made by Jenny Voelger and seconded by Kerri Kleine. The new PTO board introduced themselves briefly.

Treasurer's Report – It was reported that The Sport's Camp was a wash, seeing as it took in the same amount that it paid out. The receipts from the Kindergarten Meet and Greet are being processed. There was a discussion about the ease of use of Amazon Smile as a passive revenue stream and the need for better publicity around it.

Fundraiser/Events Update *Upcoming:*

- **Spirit Wear:** Jenny Voelger spoke about the sale. There are currently 20 online orders and she is waiting to pick up the paper orders until the sale ends on Friday. A question was asked about if this is the only time of year we are selling spirit wear. As of right now, this is the only option, but Jenny is willing to do another sale in the Spring if there is enough interest. Jenny showed samples of the new products and mentioned that there will be no exchanges and that the sizes seem to be running true.
- **Summer Reading Ice Cream Party** – Melanie Adlah spoke about the upcoming celebration for Friday. There are currently 168 children who have completed the reading requirements to attend. Melanie mentioned that she has 20 volunteers and the supplies are ready to go. There was a question about streamlining the process for handing out the ice creams and it was explained that Mrs. McNamara wanted the children to line up by grades last year.

- Book Fair – Sue Oldring and Deb Volkman spoke about the fairs. Sue asked for volunteers. Deb spoke about exciting new changes for the middle school that include moving the book fair to the cafeteria on the second day in order to aid in keeping children from roaming the halls. The Middle School will NOT have night hours again this year, but WILL be doing raffles again.
- Harvest Fair – Kerri Kleine spoke on this event. It will be similar to last year with the pumpkin decorating contest. There is a need for many volunteers at this family event and we are happy to announce that the Girl Scout troops are sponsoring a few tables this year.
- Halloween Dance – Kerri Kleine spoke about this popular middle school event. The PTO is currently looking for a Chairperson for this event. She stated that there are already a number of parents who are interested in chaperoning the dance, so it would consist of coordinating volunteers, purchasing decorations and food.
- Trunk or Treat – Kerri Kleine spoke about this favorite event. Sign-ups are ongoing for 5th and 6th grade families for trunk decorating.
- Kid Stuff Fundraising Coupon Books – Sue Oldring spoke about this quick fundraiser. Kid Stuff has merged with “Save-Around” which means that the books are changing slightly, but the profit structure for the PTO stays the same. Keep an eye out for these books coming home – the fundraiser starts at the beginning of October!

Fundraiser/Events Update *Completed*

- Melissa Davis spoke about the two completed events – Kindergarten Meet and Greet and the Movie Night. Both were a success and the movie night was very well attended. It was suggested that we ensure that the movie night flyers for next year state “Bring a flashlight.” In addition, concession sales topped \$500 so that was a big success.

New Business:

- Recess Bins – Mr. Schneyer stated that the refreshed indoor bins from last year were a huge hit with the children. He requested that the PTO take a look at the outdoor toys and update those if possible. Melissa and Melanie have been working on updating the elementary bins with balls, jump ropes, chalk etc. A suggestion was made to get the Velcro handball sets as well.
- Permanent Recess Artwork – Sue Oldring explained that there is a new push nationwide to have permanent games painted onto cement/blacktop areas. Examples include hopscotch boards, motion games, geography maps, 4 square boards etc. In addition, this is something that parents have been bringing up in conversation and on Facebook. Sue

will research the idea and give the information to Mr. Schneyer to see if it is possible to do in our district.

- Box Tops – Sue Oldring explained that the Box Tops program has significantly changed. There is an app for scanning receipts that is extremely trouble prone and does not give the ability to credit classrooms. The paper box tops are being phased out, but please keep clipping them and turning them in. The Box Top Incentive program that is done by the PTO will remain the same this year, but be prepared for it to disappear altogether at some point in the future. It will be important for the PTO to find an alternative way to raise the funds that the box top program has contributed to for so long.

Miscellaneous:

- Mrs. Steuerwald asked if there would be a basket auction this year. There was a discussion about the need for a person or persons to chair this event. It is very labor intensive but yields excellent fundraising results. Another concern is the MADD Basket Auction that is held in the school, at the same time of year. The community may not be able to support two basket auctions held closely together. One alternative idea that the PTO Board has been discussing is doing a “restaurant night” with a local business – perhaps in the Spring. Another suggestion that was well received was a fishing trip as a fundraiser.

There being no further business, the PTO Meeting was adjourned on a motion from Mrs. Steuerwald and seconded by Mike Valva at 7:05 pm.

Next PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Middle School.

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①	Val Prithon	63
②	MARCELO PONS	53
③	MELANIE ADLAK	53
④	Brian Honey	53
⑤	Ed Schneyer	63
⑥	Deborah Ann Blum	63
⑦	KERRI LEE	63
⑧	Luise Perco	63
⑨	DRUM STEINWALD	63
⑩	KERRI TUFANO	63
⑪	SUGARNE O'BANON	63
⑫	KERRI TUFANO	63
⑬	KERRI KLEINE	63
⑭	MARLISSA DAVIS	63
⑮	MELANIE ADLAK	63