Minutes of the East Moriches PTO Meeting
October 7, 2026

A meeting of the East Moriches PTO was held on Wednesday, October 7th, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the East Moriches Middle School.

PTO Board Attendees: President - Lauren Otto; Vice-President- Alexis Heinz; Corresponding Secretary- Melissa Webster, and Recording Secretary- Maddie Everhart

PTO Guest Attendees: Middle School Principal, Lisa Pesce was present; as well as PTO Teacher Rep Katy Graham.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved. Jess Lyons made the motion, and Maria Ahrens seconded it.
Minutes: September minutes were referenced and available online at https://empto.org.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was read by Lauren Otto on behalf of Meg Slowey who could not be in attendance.

The Treasurer's Report was read on behalf of **Megan Slowey**.
Tax-Exempt Status and Organizational Updates

- The PTO's tax-exempt status has been reinstated. The organization is in good standing and has received an identification number.
- The PTO may once again make tax-exempt purchases through Amazon.
- The PTO is also pursuing formation as an LLC to provide additional liability protection for the Board.

September Income

- Drippi fundraiser: **$6,095.00 (**The complete fundraising total will be reported at the November meeting)
- PTO memberships: **$1,970.00**

- Movie Night: $**1,329.00**
- **Total income: $9,394.00**

September Expenses

- Movie Night: $**775.64**
- Office supplies: $**180.66**
- Turkey Trot: $**23.19**
- Book fair supplies: $**224.96**
- Trunk or Treat: $**100.00**
- **Total expenses: $1,334.45**

The reported net profit for September was $**8,039.55 dollars**

The Treasurer's report clarified that the **400 dollars in cash returned from Movie Night and the membership drive** represented returns to PTO funds, not new income. These amounts were therefore excluded from the profit-and-loss statement.

3. Approval of September Minutes

The September minutes were posted at **https://empto.org**. The minutes were approved.

Events/Fundraisers Updates:

Completed:

I. **Drippi Fundraiser:** completed on September 25th
II. **Believe Fundraiser-** launched September 22
III. **Scholastic Book Fair**- Middle School **10/8 & 10/9** - Lauren Otto Chaired
Elementary School **10/15 & 10/16**-Alexis Heinz Chaired
IV. **Harvest Fest and Family Book Fair Night- 10/15, 6-7:30**
Caitlin Giorgio chair, Brandie Sciotto co-chair
V. **MS 5th/6th Grade Halloween Dance -** cancelled at September 2026 PTO meeting due to lack of chairperson.
VI. **MS Trunk or Treat Grades 5-8- 10/27 -** Lauren Otto chaired
VII. **Elementary Costume Parade**- 10/30 in-school event- PTO set up photo backdrop donated by **Bay Gardens** and **Barn Again Farmstand.**

Ongoing or Upcoming Business:

I. **PTO Membership for 2026/2027 School Year**- membership form now available online with Zelle, cash or check accepted. Forms are also being sent home.

II. **Yearbook Committee:** The committee will seek approximately two parent volunteers per grade from prekindergarten through 4th grade.

III. **Red, White, and Blue Day:** November 10, **Colin Salmaggi:** Chair Donations for Veterans being collected, Event volunteers have been established.

IV. **Kindergarten and First-Grade Milk and Cookies Night -** November 19 6-7pm: Chair: **Megan Slowey**; Co-Chair**: Carmela Puglisi.** An RSVP sheet with a QR code launched this week.

V. **Gingerbread Family Night and Vendor Sale -** December 3 6:00–7:30 p.m. Chair: **Caitlin Giorgio.** Addition of vendor sale to be discussed at November meeting.

VI. **Holiday Fair:** December 3–4 Chair: **Carmela Puglisi.** A new vendor has signed on and will provide a teacher-appreciation mug bonus. The fair will use a Scholastic-style setup with easy returns. A wrapping station may be available during the evening book fair. Co-chairs and additional volunteers are needed.

New Business:

I. AMA Account Spending Request

A motion was approved to spend **4,810.90 dollars** from the AMA account, which has a balance of **40,691.25 dollars**, for the following:

- A motivational speaker presentation for seventh- and eighth-grade students
- Four wireless microphone systems, consisting of two sets of four microphones for a total of eight units
- Microphone systems recommended by the Drama Department and compatible with the school's existing technology, with expansion capability
- Elementary gym supplies, some of which will also be shared with the Middle School

The request was emailed to the Board of Education for approval.

II. The PTO discussed the following potential fundraisers and events:

- Flip Flop Gymnastics: possible dates of December 11 and/or January 29
- Mixology event: possible Thursday evening in December

- Mary's Pizza fundraiser
- Sunset Theater: possible family movie night and adult happy hour
- A 50/50 drawing at a future event

The PTO continues to seek event chairs throughout the year.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by **Carmela Masiello** and seconded by **Beth Haney**. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Elementary School