Mesa Academy

PTO Minutes

Monday October 2nd, 2023

**Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by Emily at 6:33pm.

In attendance were Emily, Brooke, Lyndsay, Chris, Jacqueline, Tiffany, Trisha, Erin, Alyson, and Mrs. Sandovall.

**Previous Meeting Notes**

Brooke shared and reviewed the meeting notes from September 11, 2023.

A motion was made by Emily to approve the meeting notes. It was seconded by Erin. The meeting notes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Emily shared and reviewed the monthly financial statements and budget report for September.

It was noted that a volleyball net along with other equipment for structured play has been purchased. Emily stated that September was a quiet month, but things from September will be paid in October such as reimbursements from pie night.

It was also brought to attention that we still have not received checks from our fundraisers at Fat Cats and Mod Pizza. Chris said he will check on the check from Fat Cats this coming week. It was also stated that we did not make enough from the Sumburro’s night to get a check cut. This was noted for next year.

Spirit shirts sales will open again October 17th- 21st. This will be the last time to order spirit shirts.

A motion was made by Lyndsay to approve the treasurers report. It was seconded by Brooke. The treasurer’s report was approved unanimously.

**Winter 7th & 8th grade dance**

There was a conflict with the November 3rd date for the winter dance. The dates of November 17th or December 1st were brought up as possible alternatives.

Erin is going to set up a meeting with parents that are willing to help with the dance. At that meeting they will pick a theme for the dance and make plans.

The subject of the photo booth was brought up. The price for the photo booth went up so it needs to be decided if we want to spend the extra money for the photo booth. Erin said the people running the photo booth were available on the November 3rd, but she was not sure about November 17th. Alyson brought up the possibility of looking into a photography student at a high school to take the pictures. The logistics of how to get the photos to the students would need to be worked out.

The subject of the budget for the dance and the price of admission for the dance was also brought up. Last year the price for admission to the dance was $7. The question brought up was do we want to raise the price of admission to cover the increased cost of the photo booth. Chris brought up the idea of charging for refreshments instead of admission. We would charge for the photo booth and refreshments. The thought was we could sell things like pizza instead of just snacks. There were some people who brought up the concern of advertising ahead what the prices are for refreshments so parents know ahead of time how much money to send with their kids.

The planning meeting for the dance will be this Thursday September 14th at 3:45pm. In the meantime Erin will talk to Principal Wilfert about the date change for the dance to see what works.

**International Festival**

The International Festival will be held in April this year. The exact date is TBD. We need to start forming the committees for the event. It was decided that in January the PTO will put out feelers for parents that want to head up and help on committees. It was decided that we will ask Principal Wilfert to send out an email to get parents interested in helping with the event. We will need lots of committees for things such as food, events, decorations and more. A save the date will be put out for families at the end of December.

**PTO teacher liaison**

Ms. Sandoval had a couple of items of business to bring up the PTO and fill them in on.

Veteran’s Breakfast

Principal Wilfert approved the NJHS to put on a breakfast for service people and veterans. It will

be held on November 9th at 8:30am. The choir, orchestra and band will be performing at the event. There will be a light breakfast served at the event. This event will be open to students that invite veterans and people in the service. They will need to RSVP to the event by October 27th.

A motion was made by Tiffany to approve this. It was seconded by Emily. The motion was unanimously approved.

NJHS beautification project

The NJHS want to do a beautification project around the school. They are planning on hanging twenty frames around the halls of the school with student’s artwork in the frames. The frames will be hung above and between the bulletin boards. It was decided that we should have the art teacher pick the frame size and design so we know what we are looking for, and can have a price estimate of the cost. There will be no more than 20 frames needed. The student’s artwork will be changed out every quarter. It was decided that we can use money from the fun run to cover the cost of the frames for the beautification project.

**Perspective Family Night**

Perspective Family Night will be held on Thursday November 16th. PTO will have a booth at the event. Principal Wilfert would like to ask the PTO to hang lights so people could be out on the basketball court. The MPR will be used for the formal presentation part of the evening. Outside there will be a mix and mingle of students and parents. After a discussion amongst the PTO it was decided that we should keep everything in the MPR instead of using the basketball courts outside.

**Fun Run**

The Fun Run will be held during the day on Wednesday October 25th.

Lyndsay provided the group with several flyers to advertise the Fun Run, and asked which flyer we should use. A flyer was chosen, and will be given out to the students and posted on social media before the start of Fall Break.

Chris said he will have flyers out after Fall Break reminding the students to raise money for the event, and what they can win when they reach certain fundraising goals. By registering for the event students will receive a free athletic dress day and an otter pop at the end of the event.

Candy Bars- It was decided that M&M’s will be the candy bar handed out as a fundraising goal reward, and they will be purchased at Sam’s Club. There will also be a non-chocolate option of Skittles for students who do not want chocolate. The candy will be purchased before Halloween.

Teacher’s name and prizes need to be put in, and kids will register under their homeroom teacher.

Chris will be providing music all day for the event. He stated that he has had six parents that told him they will be available all day to help with the event. There will be reminders of the event put on ABS for the students

**Miscellaneous**

Alyson put out an email to the teachers asking them if they had $2000 what would they spend it on. She received lots of replies from the teachers of ideas on what they could use the money for. Ms. Sandovall thought it would be a good idea to make a poster with these ideas, and put it up at perspective student night.

**Close**

A motion was made by Alyson to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. It was seconded by Brooke. Meeting was adjourned.