

PTA Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2016

I. Welcome

Meeting Participants- Deanna Laird (President), Frederica Carpenter (VP), Susan Sanford (Treasurer), Rebecca Rabeni (Secretary), John Stevens (Principal), Joel DeRoche, Melinda DeFeo

Approval of minutes with the exception of **Pizza Bingo night date change to Mar 18th**; and \$500 check from Edg Sheriffs Department was found, which supports Halloween Party

II. Susan Mercier- Scholarship Request Follow-up (John Stevens)

John gave us the following criteria:

1. Students must reside in Edgartown
2. Students must have attended and graduated from the Edgartown School
3. Students must be current graduates of MVRHS

Often students have a financial need and many past recipients have come from single parent homes PTA would need to make a commitment by Dec 1st of each year to fully fund the program; Although it is an amazing program, many feel we do not have the money/funding to take on this responsibility.

Motion made and voted to decline funding at this time due to lack of available funds.

Math Tutorial Funding Request Follow-up (Deanna Laird)

Voted to approved \$150 of funding for March 8th math tutorial night

Dee purchased 120 pairs of dice for \$24; \$126 remain for additional supplies to support the event

III. Committee Updates

Room Parent (Deanna Laird)- Newest room parent, Sheila BenDavid has been very receptive to emails/correspondences, Deanna to copy room parent list for Melinda/Garden Cmte

Garden Cmte (Melinda DeFeo)- Looking forward to upcoming seed fundraiser; packets go home this Friday and orders due Feb 29- Mar 14th; Seeds are Organic and GMO free; Rebecca Briggs has spear-headed the efforts and all are excited to see how much we can raise.

Melinda has taken on another position as a private gardener but will not affect her role at the school. She is looking forward to her new position in which the private farm is willing to contribute fresh foods from the garden and resources to the school garden program. Melinda will pass on fundraising responsibilities to a committee so that more of her time is spent with the kids and not on fundraising. Teachers are still very interested in more programs revolving around science to be provided by the garden program, which can be challenging to facilitate all the classrooms. The spring fundraising event which was to be for 100 people at Morning Glory has been put on hold; Melinda would like to hire someone to mentor and to take on the role of fundraising/campaigning in the future.

(John Stevens) Island Grown Initiative is donating \$500 to the garden program; check will be made out to the PTA and to be set aside specifically for the Garden Cmte.

Box Tops (Deanna Laird)- should get another \$500 for end of march submission

Soup/Cookie Fundraiser- Evening raised \$223; The plan for next year is to extend the sales and get it into the school calendar early as to not compete with other fundraisers. Suggested to schedule the kick-off for around Valentine's Day Weekend again and market as a "Warm Your Heart Event" – come for warm soup and cookies with Valentine theme. Could even have music/DJ for kids to dance or games to play. Need to have a more controlled environment for the kids so there are no injuries.

A+ Program- already past the \$3,000 mark for A+ program

IV. See Treasures Report provided by Susan Sanford

V. Planning Calendar

Pizza/Bingo Night Friday, March 18th 6-7:30

- look into how many pizzas we ordered last year
- Frederica to create flyers/half sheets on color paper and posters ; \$1.99 ea at ups for copies
- prizes for Pizza/Bingo to be donated from household "collections"/ extra party supplies; Schoenberg's may have remaining from last year

School Directory - in final proofing, so will be ready after the break

- need help the first week of March to organize

School Committee Meeting – Thursday Feb 18th at 5 pm- Edgartown School Library

Calendar for next School Year – Looking to schedule for Halloween party Friday, Oct 28th 5-7pm

8th Grade Fundraiser at The Loft, Friday March 11

- \$20 gets you in the door; food available on order; money goes directly to 8th grade

Adjourn at 9:18 am