

PTA Meeting Minutes - January 12, 2016

Meeting come to order 8:28 am

I. Welcome + Introductions

Attendees: Frederica Carpenter (Vice Pres), Rebecca Rabeni (Secretary), Susan Sanford (Treasurer), Deanna Laird (Pres- via phone), John Stevens, Elizabeth Ward, Jess Burgoyne, Melody Cunningham, Heidi McDonough, Megan Anderson (School Cmte), Susan Mercier (School Cmte)

-Dec Minutes approved by Freddy and Susan

II. Treasurer's Report (Susan Sanford)

- over \$10,000 in the bank; several checks have come in including SchoolA, Vineyard Propane and BoxTops
- missing a \$500 check from Edgartown sheriff's deputy that was supposed to be funding for the Halloween Party- if anyone knows whereabouts, please contact Deanna
- dues have been submitted
- membership to national PTA has been submitted

III. New Business

Pease Scholarship (Susan Mercier)

The Pease scholarship is an endowment from an Edgartown family that has been going on for 2-3 decades. Each year we give a graduating high school senior a \$1000 scholarship. The MVRHS generally gives away almost a \$1m, over 67 scholarships a year. Students can start applying in Jan or Feb of Senior year. The check is given directly to the family after the student has completed their first semester of college. The endowment has now come to an end - this is the last year the Endowment will be able to fund the scholarship. The Endowment is coming to PTA for their support to sponsor the scholarship and keep this tradition going. In the fiscal year '17 would need to start funding. Part of the criteria is that the student must have graduated from the Edgartown school. The scholarship could be given to more than one candidate, in which funding would be split. Susan will send criteria to us for our review. PTA will definitely consider this, but will have to vote at the next meeting. If the PTA decides to take on funding, they can change the criteria if we feel necessary. Susan would appreciate any support at the next town meeting April 12 at 7pm.

Math Tutorial (Gail LaChapelle)

Hoping to put together an evening where parents can come and learn tools and games to help children with math skills. We see a lot of government and state programs surrounding literacy but not many for math. Looking to give parents a tool to help their kids with math and number sense beyond counting fingers. Want to utilize dice and cards to teach parents 3 easy games that they can take home and utilize in the house. The concept would be to rotate parents through k-2 classrooms for tutorials. Gail will put together a ballpark estimate of funds she will be seeking- Hoping to fund 2 dice per family and one pack of cards. Ideally would like to schedule event before Feb vacation.

Math night (for all grades) is set for Mar 31st

IV. Committee Updates

Fundraising (Deanna Laird + Susan Sanford)

Box tops- bear was found!

SchoolA- check has come in for \$968. 92% of items have been sold. PTA continuing to push this great fundraiser throughout the year. Nice job Melissa Kagan!!

A+Program- Pam Hurley got the approval from stop and shop to be able to submit card numbers online, we have over \$2147 coming from the program. Way to go Pam!

Vineyard Propane- working on a thank you for them; picture was taken of the big check

Coffee Fundraiser- Timing for fundraiser was considered to be an issue with the holidays and start of new year- will consider this in next years' scheduling. There were only 6 total orders and none were from the 7th grade.

Sugarplum Cristoline Fundraiser- made a total of \$600

Soup/Cookie Fundraiser Kickoff- Thurs Feb 11, 5:30-7pm- PTA will be serving soups featured in the sale

Pizza-Bingo Night- Fri March 11, 6-7:30 pm- approved \$75 in funds to order new bingo cards for event; pizza will be purchased at Isola; parents to bring desserts, need volunteers to help run event; students can use event at community service hours; Dee will create a flyer to be distributed to room parents

Room Parent (John Stevens)

-new 7F room parent is Sheila Bendavid

-room parent breakfast is Friday 8am,10 rsvps for breakfast thus far

Health + Wellness (Susan Sanford)

-working on creating an informative email in order to form a stronger committee

-would like to come up with health and wellness issues they can tackle statewide

Garden (Melinda DeFeo)

Seed fundraiser -Rebecca Briggs was handling but not sure if she will be able to facilitate due to personal reasons

-would like to see someone who could offer their home to do the next fundraiser, the spring greenhouse event at Morning Glory Farm was not approved by the town, so need to think about new venues

-smaller ask donations might be the way to go; could do one on one asks with Sarah Mckay

-thus far, we have a commitment of \$2000 for next 5 years

-cmte needs to start meeting again; hopefully can meet next wed after school to form a strategy

-suggested that an event could take place here at the school garden

V. Upcoming Events and Meetings

Friday Jan. 15: Classroom Parent Appreciation Breakfast 8-9 am

Thursday Feb 11: Free Soup Supper and a kickoff for the Soup and Cookie Fundraiser. Please come to dinner at school at 5:30-7:00

Friday Mar. 11: Pizza Bingo Night! Come play bingo, win prizes bring a dessert and enjoy free pizza

Tuesday Feb. 9: PTA meeting 8:30 am

Tuesday Mar. 8 PTA meeting 8:30 am

Adjourn 9:32 am