



PTO MEETING: 5.10.17

MINUTES

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
 - a. Robin Gerber, Nilofour Matthews, Melissa Burris, Jen Caraglor, Colleen Brower, Anna Forino, Amy Parrott, Lisa Ferguson

- II. Budget/Financial Report**
 - a. Mixed bag fundraiser update from Anna
 - b. Revisit all of our fundraisers and assess what we want to do next year. Need to meet with the new principal to see what her school goals are.
 - c. Jeannine Fundraiser: Worth doing it for next year? Maybe ditch this in exchange for a family night or experience of some sort. Will need a chairperson to head this. Jen Caraglor to look into BMX
 - d. Direct donation, butter braids, cookie dough, dropping coffee
 - e. Silent auction: Robin Williams has experience soliciting fundraisers from local businesses. She can help with this event.

- III. PTO Advisory**
 - a. Budget season: 1st year since 1995 that Middlebury voted in the budget on the 1st try.
 - b. Amy's new slogan to address Middlebury "The tides are turning, catch the wave"
 - c. Amanda Laprime has said she will run; parent of 3 year old and she is pregnant so she's invested in the school system.
 - d. Advisory board may donate money to anyone's campaign who runs for BofE positions for Middlebury. Beth Rosen to investigate further and get back to the PTO's if this is possible.

- IV. Fundraisers:**
 - a. Box Tops YTD total:
 - i. As of March, earnings are \$711.60
 - b. S&S Rewards YTD total \$7178.51; \$2,000 less than last year; need new chair for this for next year! Dr. Sieller will use towards technology
 - c. Rustic Charm fundraiser: \$80 total; only 4 people attended; try it again; maybe Fall or Christmas
 - d. Idea: Other type of made it yourself gathering; Robin had the idea and will brainstorm and get back to us.

- V. Follow Up:**
 - a. Spirit Wear: No financials yet; will go with a new company next year
 - b. Cultural Arts:
 - i. Chris Waddel: Nametags presentation Tuesday, April 18 in the afternoon; very favorable response; embed pre or post school wide activity re: the cultural arts presentation via the school climate committee.
 - c. Idea to consider for next year:
 - i. Arts Alive at Morris elementary school: circulation of workshops for students to experience cultural arts throughout the day via different stations. It's a day event; PTO provided lunch.

- d. Trudy Fromowitz: Holocaust survivor presentation: Not just for the 8th graders but can we see if we can bring her in for the entire school? Talk to the new principal. Japanese internment camps; etc, get some diverse ideas.
- e. Author/Illustrator: Paul Volponi: Feedback was good but differing views from teachers; review this for next year; don't do it just to do it but do it bc it's terrific. Dr. Sieller would rather someone work with a specific grade level instead of just doing 2 presentations. His work with the 8th graders was definitely worth it.
- f. PTO volunteer dinner: MMS to host next year
- g. Teacher Appreciation Week: Coffee cart every quarter next year? It was a BIG hit!! The whole week was terrific!

VI. Upcoming Events and Ideas

- a. Book Fair: Next week: May 16-18; need volunteers
 - i. Book Trust: Robin; her friend; program distributes books to impoverished communities (local communities); buy a book/donate a book; ask Amy for a list of books that might be desired; will need a donation bin;
 - ii. Barefoot Books: another wholesaler to consider instead of Scholastic?
- b. Color Run: Sunday May 21; in conjunction with MES
- c. Quassy Night: Piggy back with MES and LMES; Date May 25 (the same day 8th graders come back from Washington); we aren't selling tickets; if folks want to go; folks can get their tickets from LMES or MES
- d. 8th grade dance: Monday, June 19 (after the graduation) Nilofour is chair; has a volunteer list for food stuff, decorations and dance chaperones; DJ booked; pies and pints to deliver (will provide paper plates and napkins); need decorations
- e. End of year picnic: last day of school on the ½ day.
- f. Lake Compounce: Paid in full;

VII. Other:

- a. New principal meet and greet? Dr. Sieller to ask Mrs. Murphy
- b. Board Positions for next year:
- c. All in favor:

ROLE	NAME
Co-President	Amy Parrott
Co-President	Colleen Brower
Vice President	Lisa Ferguson
Recording Secretary	Jen Caraglor
Corresponding Secretary	Heather Ross
Treasurer	
Teacher Rep	LeAnn Cassidy

- d. Open board positions for next year:
 - i. Treasurer

VIII. Fall Events:

- a. Book Fair: Sept 26-28
- b. Butter Braids

Start Date:	10/13/2017
End Date:	10/27/2017
Submit Order by:	10/31/2017
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