

Morse PTO Board Meeting – Tuesday April 12, 2022
Zoom 7:00pm-8:30pm

Brooke Johnson-President
Jennifer Clements-teacher liaison
Lisa Wedel-VP of room parents/spirit wear
Claire Payne-teacher liaison
Melissa McConnell-Co treasurer 2
Kristen Kuhlen-Co treasurer
Sara Knag-secretary
Andrea Niermeier-VP marketing/fundraising
Jessica Fraser-VP membership
Jennifer Mulholland-counselor

I. Welcome

- Approved minutes from 3/07/2021 meeting

II. Principal's Report: Kim was absent this evening

III. Counselor's Report: Brooke represented at Kindergarten round up Friday and did great. May 20th community service project-a letter was sent out through Lisa B. for donations. 3 business donors that are around \$3,000 so far and another at \$500. Our goal is to raise \$10,000. 7 years ago 25,000 meals were made and sent out to food pantries in Kansas City. She is wanting to share more photos, videos to help people understand how beneficial this is. PTO usually sets aside money to donate with our community service budget. We gave \$1000 to help with Kids against Hunger. In our budget we could have \$2,500 more, but Jennifer can get more businesses in the community to help. We have it available for her if she is not able to raise more from businesses.

Jennifer is having Lisa B. check if Mrs. Vandermark would like the extra money PTO made to honor Mr.V. She will get back with us and then we can decide if it could be used in the building or we can give it to her.

IV. Teacher's Report: Claire is going to be our secretary next year and then we would have one teacher rep. She is going to email the K, 1, 2 teachers and see if someone else would like to take her position on the board.

They loved the costumes parents had at trivia night. It was such a fun night for our community! Kids are all so excited about the upcoming events at Morse. Carnival sign up online was so much easier. We are going to try to use the same sign up for events next year.

Sunflower events-Emily Kamp had a baby and both are doing great. Peggy Lampe is retiring. We will get her a card and gift card. She does not want a party or gift from the staff. Mrs. Campbell is moving and leaving Morse.(\$25 gift card and card from PTO) Kim's dad had surgery and that is why she did not attend trivia night. He has taken a turn for the better, but she was at the hospital with him most of the weekend.

V. Treasurer: (Kristen and Melissa)

- 2021-2022 budget updates-not many changes since the last meeting. We got a check from Chipotle and we haven't heard back from Nothing Bundt Cake, but receive 10 percent of earnings. Waiting to hear back from Mindi about Trivia Night profits, but we think it was around \$20,000.
- 2022-2023 fees collected since end of March

VI. VP Membership (Jessica) Kindergarten round up was a great introduction to PTO. Andrea worked hard to update the PTO information that was shared.

VII. VP Room Parent (Lisa) all is squared away with yearbook pictures and taken care of. We sold another 15 yearbooks with Lisa's last email that went out.

VIII. Fundraising: (Andrea and Sarah Kolell)

- Take Stock:
 - Still have leftover funds to spend
- Communication: She keeps adding things to our FB and Instagram page. We need to send a sign up soon to see which parents want to cover which events. Possibly adding sign up genius for Dr. Seuss Café, mascot costume sign up, 5th grade parent point of contact for 5 schools 1 family, parents to decorate lunchroom throughout the school year.
- Do we need an Amazon wish list liason for the teachers or should we send reminders around Christmas, birthday, teacher appreciation week. *This is something we want to encourage room parents to share more.
- Events:
 - Spirit Meals – Golden Scoop? Made \$193.12 from Chipotle.
 - Daddy/Daughter- everyone is excited about the upcoming dance
 - Mother/Son RSVP due April 20th
 - Trivia Night Update – Looking like ~\$20,000 in profit!!
 - Carnival Update-online ordering worked out great and we are already at \$5,000 (including sponsors)

IX. President (Brooke)

- Review new/proposed officer titles and duties-Sarah Kolell will be stepping down from her position. Rachel Grindle would be willing to help with fundraising.
- PTO Board Elections, week of April 25th – voting will take place by email, ballots due by 3pm Friday 4/29.
- Bylaws need to be updated (can only occur in years divisible by 3)
- We need to get a phone number connected to Venmo that is not connected to Jesse Kuhlen's phone number.

- Nurse-Lisa getting her a card and gift card from the PTO for \$100. May 11th is school nurses day.
 - April 22nd-surprise lunch for Lisa B to congratulate her on recent BV award
 - Teambuilding happy hour – April 25th 7:30 at Red Door Grill on 159th St, hope to see you there!
 - Review prior Action Items, would ideally like to create a log
 - Jen Clements is going to fill out a grant for a water station for the lunch room, estimated cost is \$1200. Mr. V. always wanted us to have this for the kids and parents that visit.
 - April 17th-parent volunteer appreciation -Kay Wong is leading this up
 - We need to have a sign made “Car line starts here’ that starts before the car line circle drive (in the intersection of the cross walk and teacher parking lot) and the people that paid for golden tickets at Trivia night will get the spots in the circle drive.
 - We will need to order a sign for “Morse Parent Spot only” PTO will pay for them to be made and installed.
 - Lisa B. gave feedback that we should make carnival be a back to school event. It would be challenging to switch it for this coming fall, but it is something to think about going forward. We need to make it a fun run and carnival event again next year. Committee needs to discuss if we continue a dance, but make everyone welcome and doing bowling, but include boys and girls. Let’s brainstorm ideas on how to make these events more inclusive and encourage families to participate.
- * 7-8 scholarships were sent in and will be going to the committee to decide on.

This is the most we have received in many years.

- Jen M. to follow up with Lisa Barrett to see if she's had a chance to talk to Stacy Vandemark about the remaining memorial funds and her wishes. (mural painted to brighten up the lunchroom, a check written to her, a donation to charity, etc.)
- Claire is creating a Google Form and QR code for the PTO ballot to be sent to Morse parents on 4/25, ballots will be due by 3pm on Friday 4/29.
- Andrea waiting to hear back from Rachel Grindle for follow up on her willingness to run for VP Fundraising.
- PTO Board to begin thinking about what our events next year should look like and documenting ideas for a brainstorming session to be held this summer.
- PTO members will send over their roles and responsibilities summaries to Brooke to include in the ballots.
- Brooke to schedule a PTO transition meeting for current and incoming board handoff at the beginning of May.

X. Secretary (Sara Knag)

- Mascot update-we still need volunteers in May and will look at how to clean it in the summer.
- 5 Schools, 1 Family –Nothing new to report
- Post minutes to website

Calendar of Events for 2021-2022:

- School Supply Drop Off/Kona Ice – August 16th - Complete
- Kindergarten Coffee – August 19th 8:30-9:00 OWLs Garden - Complete
- Book Fair – November 8th-12th (online only) - Complete
- Family Supper – November 10th – Cancelled due to Covid restrictions
- Spring 2022 Events – Trivia Night – April 8th, Daddy/Daughter – April 30th,
Carnival/Fun Run – May 6th, Mother/Son – May 13th
- Staff Appreciation Week – May 9th-13th
- PTO Membership Meetings – September 14th (PTO 101), December TBD (Food with Folks), February 24th (Speaker), April 13th (Elections)