

MES PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2006

1. Call to order at 9:35am by Barbara Tzepos.
 - a. Welcome 2006
 - b. Please check PTO mailbox
 - c. PTO Advisory – 3 snow days so far. High School graduation tentatively June 19, Memorial Middle School June 19
Board of Ed liason – Mr. Shipway
New business – Budget awareness committee - to get word out to vote
New focus groups picked at random to talk about budget needs – Jan 18.
2. Secretary's Report/Minutes – Nancy Belden
Thank you from 1st grade teachers for teachers grant
3. Treasurer's Report – Anna Forino
 - a. Teacher's grant on target
 - b. Spring social sponsorships coming in and doing well
4. Board of Education – Jackie Post
Kindergarten progress report forms discussed
Dr. Paddyfote trying to revise cost sharing formula. May ask for assistance to collect 2000 signatures
5. Principal's Report – Jack Zamary
 - a. Third grade Celebrations – went well – praised kids for outstanding behavior
 - b. Superintendents Budget Forum - Jan 18 7pm for MES and LMES families which were selected at random
 - c. Upcoming Coffee with the principal – working Ed Demers and Salle McMullen on Internet Security
 - d. Thanks for PTO purchases – Kindergarten fence installed, new CD player added to PA system, snowshoes have been purchased and editing and revising books purchased
 - e. Presentation to faculty about Spring Social – by Jackie Mulhall – well received
 - f. Pilot Project with Ms. Minutillo's class – students creating newspaper to be published by Waterbury Republican with school activities, photo and writing pieces
 - g. Enrollment Update – 447 now – highest ever 452
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Teacher Rep – Barbara Butler
Thank you for the teacher grants. 1st grade collected supplies for Waterbury school – great response.
 - b. Family Social Events
Bingo Night Feb 10 2 sessions 4:30- and 6pm. Approved spending up to \$200 for police and prizes.
 - c. Community Service Coordinators – Janine Altamirano and Jackie Mulhall - Alex's Lemonade stand will do this again – see Jackie Mulhall if you would like to help. Last year we set up the stand at soccer and baseball.
 - d. Friendship – Mary Tesch
No report

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- e. Garden Coordinator – Dana Dowling
Brownies volunteered to help in spring clean-up.
- f. Hospitality – Janet Gagas, Jen Minchella, Kelly Perrotti
Starting grade level sponsoring brunches - kindergarten Jan 30
- g. Newsletter Coodinator –Anna Forino
Newsletter deadline – Feb 2
- h. Program Incentives – save Campbell’s labels. Give Labonne’s receipts to Mary Ann Dzinski. Boxtops – due again in March
- i. Publicity – Giselle Boyadjian and Dana Dowling
Will take pictures on snowshoeing
- j. Ways and Means – Julie McDonald and Nina Walsh
Yankee Candle – Jan/Feb

7. Old Business

- a. Thanksgiving baskets – went well – baskets all done when get to gym
- b. Library Gift Sale – Nancy Belden/Mary Ann Dzinski went very well. About 300 children bought gifts for their families. We raised approx \$6000. \$500 was donated to Middlebury Social Services, \$500 to Middlebury/Southbury Youth and Family Services and the balance to the Middlebury Library. We also donated books and videos to St. Mary Children’s Clinic
- c. Spring Social Event – Jackie Mulhall and Kim Seman
April 8th at Greek Church. Food/Wine/Music/Auction/Raffle.
\$50 per person – Sponsorship goal of \$5000 reached – thanks Lisa Conroy. Working on business card ads and menus which are \$100 – forms are in the office. Jackie met with teachers and teachers will do some auction items. Jackie Post secured Beer and Wine vendor – International Wine and Spirits. She is working on food vendors.
Auction - - need people to secure items – in person or thru letters.
Invitations to be sent out early Feb -\$50 pp before - \$60 at door.
We need a publicity chairperson.
Need more volunteers to help – next meeting Feb 3 9:30 am at Jackie Mulhall’s house.

8. New Business

- a. Coast to Coast Marathon – starts March 1 8:00 – 8:35 am. This is 3rd year – last year the kids walked 10,000 miles. We will be walking capital to capital this year. Information package to go out in Feb. Looking for people to chair committees – meeting Tues Jan 23 9:30am or contact Krista Matthews.
- b. Yankee Candle Sale – will send out in January – Will have by Easter
- c. Guest Speaker for February – speaker to discuss Women and Heart Disease
- d. Yearbook – taken 1000 or more pictures. Due to printer Feb 21. Price \$14 now - \$21 later. All 5th graders will get yearbook.
- e. Raffles – won by Rosa Cipriano, Jen Minchella and Beth Small

9. Next PTO Meeting – Tuesday February 28 at 7:00 pm

10. Adjournment – 10:50 am