

MES PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 25, 2005

AGENDA

1. Call to order at 7:05pm by Vice-President Amy VonCulin, Barbara Tzezos arrived a few minutes later
 - a. Committee Chair Binders – please pick up your binder. Barbara needs a plan of what each committee plans to do for the year.
 - b. Teachers’ Grants – met with committee and the teachers have been notified of their grants
 - c. Student Directory/Email list – both are complete
 - d. General Reminders – please check PTO mailbox
 - e. PTO Advisory – Amy VonCulin – there are 2 reps from each school. Deal with region issues and school events.
 - i. Discussed Forum with Board of Education Candidates from Middlebury and Southbury at High School.
 - ii. Holiday Celebrations task force – No Santa in school
2. Secretary’s Report/Minutes – Nancy Belden
No report
3. Treasurer’s Report – Anna Forino
 - a. Teachers Grants have been approved for \$7000.
 - b. Innisbrook a little less than projected
4. Board of Education – Jackie Post
Short meeting. Candidate Forum – Oct 26 at High School.
5. Principal’s Report – Jack Zamary
 - a. MESSage from principal discussing teacher and training in-service days – they have had Reading Strategies, Writing – 6 Traits, Questioning Strategies and BEST Program
 - b. PA system is up and running and sounds great. Thank you to MES PTO
 - c. Thanks for Teachers’ grants and Wish List donations
 - d. Playground Update = BAS donation of \$10,000 for playground equipment (that will be installed as weather permits), 2 picnic tables and kindergarten equipment.
 - e. Celebrations for 4th grade Oct 27 – PA system unveiling
 - f. Board of Education Meet the Candidates – tomorrow 7pm
 - g. Pictures are tomorrow Oct 26
6. Guest Speaker – Dr Elisa Benzoni
 - a. Gave a great presentation on Breast Cancer Awareness. One of her colleagues also told her personal story. Thank you Elisa.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Teacher Rep – Barbara Butler
Thanks for the PTO grants. 1st grade are purchasing science books.
 - b. Community Service Coordinators – Janine Altamirano and Jackie Mulhall - Thanksgiving Baskets for St Mary Children’s Clinic –lists for room mothers will be sent out next week
 - c. Cultural Arts Mary Ann Dzinski, Kathleen Doan
Ron Roy came Oct 24 - A to Z mysteries. Kids loved him. A few extra signed books are available.
 - d. Friendship – Mary Tesch
No report

7. Committee Reports (continued)

- e. Garden Coordinator – Dana Dowling
Would like to do fall clean-up. If anyone would like to help on this committee – let Dana know
- f. Great Books Coordinator – Jill Hutchison – There is upcoming training to become a Great Book teacher if anyone is interested.
- g. Hospitality – Janet Gagas, Jen Minchella, Kelly Perrotti
Next Teacher’s brunch this Friday of every month starting at 8am.
- h. Newsletter Coodinator –Anna Forino
Newsletter deadline – Oct 27
- i. Perpetual Fund Reps – Susan Broderick, Caron Reilly and Dee Woodward
No report.
- j. Program Incentives – Box Tops due Oct 31
- k. Publicity – Giselle Boyadjian and Dana Dowling
They have created a calendar and will try to make most events.
- l. Scrapbook Coordinators – Anna Forino and Julie Koulouris
Email or send any pictures to Anna.
- m. Student Recognition – Nancy Belden, Michelle McCormack
No report
- n. Volunteer Coordinators – Jackie Desmarais and Karen Nocera
Volunteer lists haven been given to each committee. The committee’s are responsible for getting their own volunteers.
- o. Ways and Means Coordinator – Julie McDonald and Nina Walsh
No report
- p. Website Coordinator – Anna Forino
Working with Mrs. McMullen to get info on website.
- q. Yearbook – Amy VonCulin
Going with a new company this year – all digital. Will use Pagemaker. If you have pictures email or send them to Amy.

8. Old Business

- a. Book fair - went well – good fundraiser
- b. Library Gift Sale – Nancy Belden
To be held Fri Dec 2 10:30 – 1:30pm and 3:00 – 7:00 pm and Sat Dec 3 10:00am – 1:00 pm. We are setting up committee chairs for raffle, silent auction, bake sale, set-up/clean-up, wrapping area. Please start looking thru your things – we are looking for new and/or gently used items (toys, men’s ties, gold supplies, tools, Christmas items, frames, craft items and anything else you can find). We are also looking for people to donate and put together raffle or silent auction baskets.
Next Meeting Oct 27th at the Library.
- c. Spring Social Event – Jackie Mulhall and Kim Seman
April 8th at Greek Church. Food/Wine/Music/Auction/Raffle.
\$50 per person – Discussed sponsorship – 3 levels \$1000, \$500 and \$250. Flyer to go out. Due by Dec 31. Business Card ads not due until Mar 15. Next meeting Nov 9th at 9:15am at Maura Worgan’s house.

9. New Business

- a. Raffles – won by Susan Broderick, Janet Gagas, Jackie Mulhall, Lisa Conroy and Mary Ann Dzinski

10. Next PTO Meeting – Tuesday November 15 at 9:30 pm

11. Adjournment – 8:50pm