



The PTO of Meeting House Hill School

24 Gillotti Road – New Fairfield, CT 06812

September 13, 2006
MHHS PTO
General Meeting
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Molly Whelan at 9:10 am.

New Business:

Welcome Back Breakfast: Scheduled for 9/14. Joan Dobransky reported that everything is ready. Aramark will be providing some of the food and the rest she will pick up at Costco today.

Membership: Gina Guardi reported that as of this morning 299 families had joined the PTO. She mentioned that more room parents are needed. She will send out a second notice asking for room parents. Please consider this position.

Fright Night: Lisa Zustovich reported plans are underway. She and Tammy Lee Dunn are chairing it and hoping to get other to run a subcommittee. Sue Webb is handling decorations. Other subcommittees include: set up, crafts, food and haunted house. The event is scheduled for 10/28. Third graders will attend in the afternoon and fourth and fifth graders in the evening.

School Store: Linda Roberti is helping to coordinate the volunteers. The store will be open 11-1:30 (approximately) on T, W, Th beginning the end of September.

Gift wrap Fundraiser: Rosie DePaoli reminded everyone that orders are due Friday, 9/15. She encouraged everyone to enter the Sweepstakes drawing regardless of whether or not an order is placed. Items can be ordered from Innisbrook on line and MHHS will get credit by entering the school code. Products will be delivered the 1st or 2nd week of November. Rosie is looking for someone to help her with this fundraiser this year, who could take it over for next year. This is the biggest fundraiser for MHHS.

Directory: If we want to publish a directory (w/ CS) two people are needed from each school to update the information and add new entries. High School printing class will publish the directory at a very affordable price.

Fall Book Fair: Michelle Torre requested help in running it.

Mini-Grants: Michelle reported that 28 teachers had joined the PTO thus far. Each teacher that joins will receive a \$75 dollar grant.

Newsletter: Molly and Carolee reported that it will be going out today. Suzanne Kloos is putting it together. Items should be submitted to Suzanne.

Treats for Teachers: Debbie Lopez mentioned that people could sign up for a month to provide the teacher treats.

Eyes on Art: Maria Sas reported the program is up and running. More “art partners” are needed for the 3rd and 5th grade classes. Two volunteers are needed per class. Tracey Springer is the 3rd grade coordinator.

Open Committees: The following committees require chairperson(s) if they are to exist this year:

- Citizen News—weekly calendar/publicity
- Hospitality
- Kids Care Club
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- Spirit wear

Administrators’ comments:

Sarah McLain reported that the opening of school was very positive. Third graders are doing well. Open House was successful. There are 704 students this year and 85 staff members. Picture day is Thursday and Friday of this week. She reminded parents to let their children do homework on their own. Children have already had an assembly on Bullying and Sexual Harassment. Sarah thanked Molly and Carolee for stepping up and serving as co-presidents this year. “Student Centered Collaboration” has changed how special education is offered this year. More inclusion is mandated. Teaching teams include teacher, para. and special ed. teacher. It has been implemented K-5. It allows for a more flexible grouping of students and staff. Regarding “Building News”, Sarah said a vote should come to the voter’s this year. Water issues have been solved at the school.

Wendy Seeley thanked PTO members who provided desserts for the Staff Dev. Day. There will be a whole school assembly this Friday at 2:15. Student Council will kick off in a few weeks. Changes will be noticed in the cafeteria with a district Wellness Policy in place.

Attendance Raffle:

- Kim St. Jean---Miss D’Aurio
- Rosy DePaoli—Miss Conetta

Treasurer’s Report: Micki Prehlik reported:

- Current Balance: approximately \$19,500
- Income: 2300

Expenses: 4000
Previous Commitments: 13,600
Available: 4200

Next meeting: Wednesday 10/11 @ 9:00am

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.