



## **The PTO of Meeting House Hill School**

24 Gillotti Road – New Fairfield, CT 06812

October 11, 2006  
MHHS PTO  
General Meeting  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Carolee Harkins at 9:10 am.

Presidents Remarks: Carolee reported that she had attended a meeting with Dr. Castagnola. She asked for a show of hands of people you received the Alert Now test call. It appeared that most had with the exception of 1 or 2.

Molly reminded everyone that the November meeting will be held on 11/8 at 7pm. The business part of the meeting will be kept brief. Carole Laskey will be speaking.

Corresponding Secretary: Linda reported that the PTO received many thank you notes for the mini-grants. The Community Service Club also wrote a note thanking the PTO for the \$185 donated to their *Dress for Success* program.

Parliamentarian: Michelle reported that teachers have until 10/15 to join the PTO and be eligible for grants.

Treasurer: Micki stated that the current balance is approximately \$24,000. Membership has raised about \$4000 so far. Gross Innisbrook sales are \$16000.

Recording Secretary: Jennifer asked for any corrections to 3 sets of minutes, 6/7/06, 6/15/06 and 9/13/06. Kathi Van Akin made a motion to accept the minutes. Lisa Zustovich seconded. All were in favor.

New Business:

Joe Fredlund is the faculty PTO rep. He recommended a character education program called the Ned show. More information is available at [NEDSHOW.com](http://NEDSHOW.com). Special Programs committee will follow up.

Sarah McClain commented on;

1. The kindness she has seen in the students this year.

2. She also mentioned that budget season will be starting soon. She encouraged everyone to stay informed. A technology teacher is a position Sarah will be requesting again this year.
3. Student Responsibility: The goal is to help students become problem solvers vs. problem makers. Kids have creative solutions and need to have a chance to use them.
4. The year has gotten off to a good start. The teaming set up with the staff is working well. Kids are getting more support and enrichment than they would have under the old model. Paras have become an integral part of the team. Will try to maintain what is in place during the upcoming budget season.

Wendy Seeley commented that Carole Laskey will talk to teachers on 10/17.

#### Committee Updates:

Innisbrook Fundraiser: Rosy reported that \$16000 has been collected through the envelopes. and another \$700 through online orders. The project profit for the fundraiser is \$8500.

Membership: Currently 402 families have joined the PTO. 46 staff have joined.

Room Parents: The following teachers still need room parents:

Portnoy:	1
Hydinger:	1
Adler:	1
Linkletter:	1
Carty:	2

Please consider filling one of these positions.

Fright Night: Lisa Zustovich said the reminder notices will be going out to volunteers soon. All volunteers need to be in costume.

School Store: The school store will run for 35 weeks. There are 17 teams of 2 volunteers each. Each team will work 1X/month. The store is open T,W,Th 11:00-1:20.

Directory: Should be out early November. All PTO member families will receive a copy.

Fall Book Fair: Michelle Torre requested 2 volunteers to coordinate "Who Got Caught Reading..." The book fair will run 11/17, 11/20, 11/21. Monday night from 5-8 will be family night.

Eyes on Art: Some Art Partners are still needed for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Fall Pie Fundraiser: Jennifer Brown reminded everyone that order forms are due back on 10/17. Products will be available for pickup on the evening of 11/14.

Coffee with the Administrators will take place on 10/20.

Attendance Raffle: Jennifer Brown---Mrs. McGuigan  
Jean Greene—Mrs. King

The meeting adjourned at 10am.