

11/1/19 PTA Meeting

Meeting was called to order.

Keri Talucci provided recording secretary's report:

Minutes from October PTA meeting were approved.

Suzanne Little provided corresponding secretary's report:

Membership update for 2019-2020:

To date 150 members have registered.

No letters or cards were received.

Diane Moran provided the treasurer's report:

Bank Balance as of 11/1/19 was \$159,221

Kitchen Tour income is reflected in the bank balance.

Dr. La Valva's report:

Dr. La Valva had another commitment during the meeting time.

Mrs. Callahan's report:

Teacher's Conferences and Teacher's Convention are next week. (Week of 11/4)

American Education Week is the week of 11/11. On Thursday 11/14 parents will be invited to join their children for lunch. More details will be provided by the school. 11/15 will be spirit day, and the PTA will be sponsoring ice cream gift certificates for all students. Students are encouraged to wear their Team Mountz t-shirts on Spirit Day.

Teachers were excited to have their mini-grants approved.

11/22 an Anti-Bullying assembly will be held.

A new form, like the mini-grant form, is being created for curriculum enhancements, and will be available in the school office.

Committee Updates:

Mini Grants Update: 14 mini grants were submitted, for an ask of \$9307, on a budget for Fall of \$5000. 8 mini grants were approved for \$4980. The remaining 6 mini-grants have either been suggested for curriculum enhancement submission, BOE review, or re-submission as a mini-grant in the Spring. The 8 approved mini grants include: Penguin Visit, Author Visit, Kids Bridge Tolerance Workshop, Outreach Barracks Program/ American Revolution, Print Making, Rainforest Revolution Visit, Forensic Sketch Artist Visit, and easels and art tables for the art classroom.

Social Media Update: Discussion around making the PTA Instagram and Facebook pages public or keeping them private. Community members in attendance felt it best to keep the HW Mountz page public and the PTA pages private. But there were only 4 people in attendance at the meeting, so we tabled this discussion for the next meeting, when we hope to have expanded attendance, and can take a vote.

Giving Tree Update: Giving Tree collection will take place from 12/2-12/6. Gifts will be collected in front of reception. Gifts will be donated to Kula Café in Asbury Park. Kula Café is affiliated with Interfaith Neighbors. The Spring Lake Rotary will also be donating gifts for adults to Kula Café's Holiday drive.

Hot Lunch Update – the PTA is evaluating if they will go forward with using the hot lunch website for future ordering.

Gift Fair Update – the gift fair will take place on 12/6 or 12/11.

Kitchen Tour Update:

Committee chair Cheryl Lynch provided a Kitchen Tour Recap:

Co-chairs are thrilled with the results of the Kitchen Tour. They received very positive feedback about the tour. Over 100 people volunteered. There were new restaurants on the tour. 40-42 VIP tickets were sold. And between 800-842 tickets were sold. Teachers, parents, committee chairs, were individually thanked. Grades 1, 5R, and 6 had 100% parent volunteer participation, and they won a pizza party. Dates TBD. Estimated revenue for tour is \$73K. Kitchen Tour Expenses must be submitted by 11/6.

New Business:

The PTA Bi-laws were renewed.

Remember to Vote for BOE election!

The PTA is looking for an insurance liaison. Moira Imperial expressed interest in this position.

Clothing Drive – the PTA is sponsoring a Fundraiser Clothing Drive, working with CareCycle. Drive will take place in front of Mountz on 11/20 from 8:30-11am. Gently worn clothing, shoes, handbags, linens, stuffed animals, small toys will be collected. No puzzles, toys with many pieces, or board games will be accepted. All donations must be made in plastic bags. Please contact Denise Monello if you have any questions - ddelrossi@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events:

The next PTA meeting will be 12/6 after drop off.

General Comments or Questions:

A parent asked that all middle school homework due dates and assignments be posted on OnCourse. They mentioned that currently some are posted on Goggle and others are on OnCourse.

Suggestion made that Mountz have an outing to a Monmouth University Football or Basketball game.

