

Minutes for Tuesday November 17th for PTO

1. Welcome

Those in attendance via Zoom: Shannon Douglas, Victoria Gainer, Stacy Kain, Kelley Keel, Lori Layton, Missy Paup, Suzanne Shearer, Michelle Walters

2. Review minutes from last board for approval

Minutes are now posted on the MES PTO Facebook page

3. REWARDS

- a. Giant – A plus rewards has ended: <https://www.pennlive.com/business/2020/08/giant-company-ends-a-rewards-program-for-schools.html>

Giant has discontinued this reward program so we will no longer be getting this – last year we received \$1,844 from this program. It would be helpful to find something to make up for this loss.

We do have the Weis rewards program – shoppers just need to scan the QR code on the PDF one time, not every time they shop.

We also have the Amazon smile program where shoppers can choose MES PTO as their charity.

We also have the Stauffer's reward program.

b. BJ's

- i. Need to get a PTO Club card and add members to receive 2% cash back and they cash out every \$10
- ii. Does this work for everyone?

To get the 2% back, the business membership is \$110/year and can have 8 members on it.

Questions – How many members can be linked on the same card in a regular membership? Could all members of the PTO get a card? What is the reward on a regular membership?

Emily is working on this.

There is also the membership fundraiser option. In the past, we got \$10 for each person who purchased a BJ's membership through our school fundraiser. Shannon will look into this.

4. Teacher Appreciation

- a. Monthly Gifts
 - i. What do we want to offer for the Holidays?

Drinks and snacks are running low right now in the faculty room.

We are hesitant to restock the faculty room in case there is a school closure and teachers are no longer in the building. At this time, PDE has said it's up to each district and Hempfield has said they will do everything they can to remain in-person as long as possible.

Everyone agrees that candy goes fast and is much appreciated. Bowls in the faculty room and in the room with the copier don't stay full for very long!!

Teachers suggested hand sanitizer that actually smells good. The sanitizer provided by the school smells terrible.

5. Food Drive

- a. Confirmed food drive would run from November 30th thru December 23rd
 - i. Have a flyer to post at the school and want to see what the best way would be to print a half sheet for sending home with all the students

We can make copies through the print center to send home with all students. Shannon will do this.

- ii. Barrell would be in the front of the school for collection
 1. Collecting Peanut butter, Canned Fruit, Canned veggies and Canned soup

6. Spirit Wear – Lori Layton headed this up

- a. Going with Josh Jordan – www.717spirit.com
- b. Working thru options
 - i. Created three logos
 - ii. Offering S/S t-shirts, sweatshirts, women's jacket, masks, gator masks and hats
 - iii. Our potential website that Josh is building: <http://www.717spirit.com/mes-spirit-shop>

Josh is a graphic designer who created the decals for the high school last year.

We have been approved by the district to use this site and the logos for the items.

Josh will have a link to the MES spirit wear on his website.

The link for spirit wear will also be on the MES PTO website. At this time, PTO is not making a profit on the sale of the Spirit wear. Maybe sometime in the future we will have a fundraiser.

PTO will not be involved in the delivery of the products. Delivery options will be determined by Josh and the customer.

7. Mountville Scholarship

- a. Sent in the form to donate \$1,000 to a Mountville Senior

If we choose to do more than the \$1,000, we can decide this later.

8. Scholastic Book Fair Results

- a. Sold \$1,212 in sales
- b. Made \$303 in profits!

This wasn't a bad sale, but not our best. We are all still getting accustomed to the virtual Book Fair. Next time we will have papers to send home with students.

9. Review request from Dan Doutrich

I am interested in using my \$100 for a piece of equipment that will cost \$148.62 with taxes and shipping. Can I get your approval to purchase this and get reimbursed the extra \$48.62? piece of equipment is called a gorilla bow and will be used for students who forget their sneakers or have an injury that cannot require them to participate in the regular PE class, but could do an alternative activity.

What I like about this is that it is stationary, it is easy to use, works on stretching, core muscles, and would be great for those who are recovering from an injury. In the Autistic support classes, it would be great for one-on-one pushing and pulling movements and is great for all beginners of fitness.

Attached is the breakdown of cost with the best discount I could get and below is the link to the manufacturer's website. for your consideration,

<https://www.gorillabow.com/pages/get-started>

It was decided that more research needs to be done on this equipment so this topic was tabled until our next meeting.

10. Fun Run

Fun Run again next year.

If we can book it now we will save 10%. They take the rebooking fee out of our payment from this year's run.

We have decided to have the Fun Run again next year so we will rebook with the same company. Fun Run Prizes are being distributed to students this week. A closing assembly was not an option this year, so students will be announced over the loudspeaker and come to the LGI to get their rewards.

11. Missy Paup Tori Grainer comments – Teacher Report

- a. **What are your needs**
- b. **What is going on in the school**

Better smelling hand sanitizer was mentioned. The sanitizer provided by the school smells terrible!

12. Stacy Kain – Principal Report

There is a string of construction paper mittens for teachers and other organizations to take to provide items for students/families in need during the holidays.

MES did receive \$800 worth of food gift cards, along with gift cards to other places – these are all given to Danielle Foote to organize and distribute.

It was mentioned that any time MES needs donations, if PTO is made aware of them, they will be posted on the MES PTO Facebook page.

13. SPAC update from Michelle Walters

The meeting was heavily Covid-driven. The district is still working with PDE. There are 440 students across the district who will be moving back into the schools at the end of the trimester.

Discussion was held about PSSA and Keystone exams. As of now, it looks like they will be given this year. How to set up seating and social distancing and proctors were all items up for discussion.

The district is still going to try to have sports as best they can.

14. Open the floor for Comments

We are having a Trios gift card fundraiser right now. Restaurant nights are not an option at this time, but if anyone has any ideas for other gift card fundraisers or any fundraisers in general, please let Shannon know about them. We need to have some fundraiser ideas in case we are not able to hold our Purse Bingo in the spring.