

## Mountville PTO Meeting: Tuesday February 21st, 2023

### 1. Welcome

### 2. Budget Review – Michelle Walters

- Picnic tables are on order. They should arrive in May.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip has been paid for.
- a. Confirmed Assembly March 3<sup>rd</sup> with Science Explorers for \$770  
They will do 2 shows that day – 1 morning, 1 afternoon
- b. Discuss 200 item give away that Mountville would like for new students/ Kdgn orientation
  - i. Budget?
    - 1. Water bottle or pencil
    - 2. What should the logo be?

Pencils were ordered and they arrived. Possibly order rubber bracelets with “MES Rocks”. If order anything with logo, can use the T-shirt logo.

#### ii. Teachers – headphones

- 1. Can we look at doing a grant first?

PTO would like a plan – maybe to consider for next year. Need to know: how many are needed, cost/type/style/etc. Who gets them? How many per class? Can maybe add to the budget for next year.

Maybe teachers can emphasize the importance and need for headphones more with parents so they understand the need for students to bring them in.

#### iii. Fundraiser with Painting with the Twist as an option – requested by Gary & Sue Griffith:

Email: We'd be happy to contribute to the Mountville PTO! We can contribute a gift certificate for a \$25.00 seat to any of our public paint nights and we can add to that a free painting to give away.

If you or someone from your organization can come by our studio at 124 S. Centerville Rd, Lancaster we can give you these items. We're open nearly every evening when we have a party. You can see our schedule here: <https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/lancaster/calendar/>

By the way, **we do fundraisers** all the time and would love to partner with you. It's fun and easy to have a paint party to raise funds. We also throw great **volunteer appreciation parties**. Would you be interested in knowing more about either of these?

### 3. Fun Run Goal Prize – T-shirts

- a. Great Job! - A MES Spirit Day is coming soon – students can all wear their new T-shirts.

### 4. One Book One School Event

- a. Date March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 6 to 8pm
- b. PTO assistance:
- c. Photo Booth stand
- d. Coloring pages/ bookmarks (we will make the copies) - I have enclosed my suggestions to print
- e. Crayons
- f. Face Paint
- g. Carnival games supplies: 2 wooded games, bowling set, wooden baskets to hold the things you are tossing, pool, ducks, plinko mini
- h. Hay bales - ONLY want 2 now
- i. Bounce house - donated by Gwen Christian family
- j. For Prizes - We will use Scholastic dollars and you will let us know what authors are approved to purchase books for give aways and PTO will place the order – PTO spent about \$1,000 Scholastic Dollars on books for students.

The PTO purchased all the crafts for the evening. Help is needed to assemble S'mores kits on Tues, Feb. 28.

**5. Basket Raffle – Donations Due: March 1<sup>3rd</sup>, 2023**

- a. Sending email to staff Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> to confirm Classroom themes
  - i. <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xb0CzqaN8Tnx5aimmqh8suwP-5QWCZJ9uvlovkYu0ts/edit#slide=id.p>
- b. Confirm help to pick up baskets March 3<sup>rd</sup> after school and take to Shannon's house to organize this weekend – Meeting at school about 2:30/3:00. Help is needed!!
  - i. Friday – Organize baskets and itemize
  - ii. Saturday – make pretty and take photos
  - iii. Sunday – upload on Google slides

The only in-person basket viewing this year will be during Purse Bingo and the VIP Dance.

**6. Purse Bingo – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- a. Working in Sponsor list: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/19l3p5nw5eECvwmtYKUAKRI-INhxI0PGWxhDWj8CWnWs/edit>
  - i. Currently have checks for 3 (State Farm, Buckbee and Miracles)
    1. Have verbal from: Encore, Hill Crest, M&J, Sardonia, Albright Ortho and an Overhead door company.
    2. Can anyone add?

PTO is trying this route to offset some of the costs so we don't have to ask families.

- b. Donations for food
  - i. Weis – 50 hot dogs and rolls, 4 cases water bottles, soda (TBD the amount)
  - ii. Mod Pizza – 20 pizzas
  - iii. WAWA – 250 soft pretzels
  - iv. Hummers – lower price on Pork BBQ

PTO confirmed 75 Chick-Fil-A sandwiches to be sold at the event for \$7.00 each.

All purses have been purchased, along with consolation prizes. There will be new tabletop signs this year, which can be used for other events. PTO is not asking families for any donations for this event. We are fully staffed with volunteers for this event but if you would like to help, contact Shannon Douglas.

**7. Mountville Community Event – Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> 10 to 4pm (set up is 8pm)**

- a. Megan Kalbach is asking in the PTO will host a stand at the event

*Email: Hey Shannon! It's me again :) I know I touched base with the PTO about this 2 years ago but that was while everyone was still trying to figure out covid stuff. Anyway, we partner with a bunch of nonprofits in the area, including Froelich, Mountville Fire Company, the Mountville Pool, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Mountville Lions Club, Power Pack and more to host the Mountville Outdoor Community Event.*

*I was wondering if the PTO would like to participate this year! Each non-profit that participates provides free kids activity and in exchange can do any type of fundraising they would like to do. We have had over 2,000 people attend and I think it would be a really great way for the PTO to get out into the community! We have bounce houses, live music, Irish Dancers, the Easter Bunny, food trucks, crafters and more!*

*I know it's around the same time as the Bingo (I think the next day actually). So it doesn't need to be anything "crazy" to participate. Even just a game or two we use during field day. A GREAT fundraiser to do at the event would be to bring the basket raffles from Bingo and sell tickets for them at the event too!!*

*The event is on March 25th from 10-4pm (setup starting at 8am) I attached the flyer to this email too. Please let me know if this would be something you would be interested in! Thanks! -Megan Kalbach*

Because this event falls right between Purse Bingo night and the VIP dance night, the PTO is going to decline for this year. Maybe next year.

**8. VIP Dance – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

- a. Confirmed new DJ – Bill Coder Entertainment – only charging \$200. He has a student at MES.
- b. Will need to ask for help for volunteers to sell food, glow and raffle tickets
- c. Order balloons to be delivered day of event
- d. Should we ask for food donations or just pay for them – Water/ juice boxes, hot pretzels, candy, mini bags of pretzels/ chips and Doritos

PTO WILL need the volunteer help for this event. Without volunteers, the dance will not take place.

At 7:30, basket raffle tickets will be drawn and winners announced. Baskets will be given out that evening. Arrangements will be made to award baskets to any winners not in attendance.

**9. Classroom Coordinator –**

**a. Feedback from event on Feb. 14**

Valentine's Day service project went very well. Students made tissue paper flowers and cards to donate to St. Anne's retirement home. Older students made no-sew blankets to donate to a shelter in Columbia.

Dr. Kain was able to have the district van to take 8 students from 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades (chosen by their teachers for exemplifying empathy and kindness) to St. Anne's to deliver the flowers and cards. The residents were really touched by the kindness expressed by the MES students. Students were also positively impacted by this event.

PTO will put this in the budget for next year.

Shout out to Jaci Hoosier for organizing this project!!

**10. Missy Paup Tori Grainer comments – Teacher Report**

a. What are your needs

b. What is going on in the school – how can the PTO support

There is A LOT going on right now at MES with all the different events. Teachers and parents are feeling a little overwhelmed with everything. It's a lot to communicate to parents and to keep everything straight!!

Yes, 6<sup>th</sup> grade has money in the budget for T-shirts this year.

**11. Stacy Kain – Principal Report**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Engagement Breakfast is tomorrow – it will be for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and their parents. There were more RSVP's than spots available so a waiting list was created.

MES hosted the technology information night. It went well although attendance was lower than expected. Maybe put it online so that parents who couldn't attend can still view the content information.

Upcoming events at MES:

March 14 – Kdgn. Orientation at 6:30

April – PSSA testing

The next Breakfast meeting

Preschool Connections

April 20 – Night of the Arts at MES. This will include Music performances for grades 1-3, along with Artwork from all students. The Book Fair will also be open this evening. Volunteers will be needed for the Book Fair.

**12. SPAC update from Jaci Hoosier and Suzanne Shearer are our contacts**

No meeting since the last PTO meeting. Next SPAC meeting is Thursday, Feb. 23.

**13. Open the floor for Comments**

A meeting was held for ALL HSD PTO members on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Much was discussed among the schools. Most schools fundraise in the same way. A hot topic was purchases and what the PTO pays for. This was very different from school to school.

MES PTO by-laws will be rewritten this spring to be more consistent across the board.

Another big discussion – should all grade levels have field trips? Or should some grade levels have in-house field trips if they don't have an off-campus field trip?