

October (PTSA) Meeting Minutes (10/03/2017)

1. Welcome
1. Introductions-Officers, **Roxanne Rhinehart** and **Penny Larsen** of Milwaukee City Council of PTA were here to join us (thanks for their support) as well as a number of parents and one student. There were 19 people in attendance total!
2. Membership (52 members at this time). Membership dues have been paid. There will be a PTSA membership table at the first night of parent/teacher conferences next week. A schedule of volunteers was determined for Tuesday, October 10th. **Angie** plans to talk to **Decosa Hobson**, our Parent Coordinator, about setting up the table for us. We also talked about having a drawing for parents and students at our meetings, to encourage continued attendance and participation at meetings.
3. Names of members will be posted on MSL Parent Page. **Ms. Hobson** is going also going to make a display which includes names of all PTSA members on a white bulletin board outside the office, in hopes of acknowledging those who have joined this year and encouraging more people to join.
4. Committees
5. A sign-up sheet was passed around: Concessions, Spring Fundraiser, Grant program and Pizzeria Piccola (winter fundraiser) are the committees that individuals can join.
6. Suggestion Jar
7. Suggestion Jar will be used if we run out of time at the meeting. Individuals present can note anything they would to be discussed at the next meeting.

Finances

1. Treasurer's Report \$809.00 was made at Food Truck Open House fundraiser, from soda and food sales.
2. Spreadsheet was provided to those in attendance. Thank you to **Pam Gende**, our Treasurer.

Updates

1. **Angie Goodwin** moved to pass the change in student membership cost to go from \$10 to \$5. **Thor Templin** seconded it. Staff's and parents' membership fees will continue to be \$10. We do not have any staff members who have joined at present. **Ms. Hobson** will give membership info to staff as a reminder.
2. Staff workroom

Paper cutter and supplies are now in the workroom. Thank you to those who donated it. A fan is still needed. One staff suggestion was to reconfigure the room, with a smaller table and a couch. This idea will be revisited.

1. Parents would like to see if morning announcements can be put on our school website. **Ms. Martel** and **Ms. Hobson** will work with webmaster to make that happen. Yay! Thank you! This has been a long term request. We feel this will improve home school communication about important school information tremendously.
2. Mini-grants
3. **Pam Gende** updated the mini-grant form. Thank you, **Pam!** Due date for first round of applications is *November 1st*. **Ms. Martel** will get applications out to staff. Thank you, **Ms. Martel.**
4. Concession sales during sporting events at MSL-*Saturday, November 18th* and *Saturday, December 2nd*
5. Thank you to **Susan Arnhold** for making our electronic sign-up sheet. Donations of food and drinks are requested (see sign-up sheet). Non-perishable items only. 8 p.m-4 p.m. is the time frame (this includes set up, sales, and take down). There will be a link to the sign-up sheet as soon as the week of 10/16/2017. Please sign up! Your support is needed and welcomed!

Next projects/unfinished business

1. Possible parent education opportunities **Ms. Martel** shared that we will have the Project Aware program starting at MSL, which provides free counseling to students in need, as determined by staff. We would like to have a therapist from the program to talk to PTSA about the program. **Ms. Martel** will talk to the contact person from Project Aware about coming to speak at an upcoming PTSA meeting.
2. Teen Dating Abuse by Sojourner Peace Center (free, donation requested) and/or S.T.A.R.T. Program (free, 2 hours to guide parents in talking to their teens about issues related to sex, through Parenting Network). This information was shared by **Sarah Harris**. We decided to move forward with the Teen Dating Abuse workshop on a week night this winter to be facilitated by Sojourner Peace Center. We plan to offer refreshments. More info to follow.
3. New staff requests-**Ms. Martel** requested that PTSA fund dinner for teachers on one of the Parent/Teacher Conference Nights next week. **Sarah Harris** moved that we do this and **Toni Cranfield** seconded it.
4. Spirit wear/MSL gear-Thanks to **Ms. Martel**, we have two mock-ups done by Dunn's, which were shared and discussed. The front has a hawk and the name of the school and the back may have the word "hawk" in all of the languages taught

at MSL. We may look to make the spirit wear project an art contest in the future where students could make different designs and the MSL community could vote on which design to have on the t-shirt. **Angela Gilman** to reach out to our art teachers about this idea for the future years.

Upcoming events

- *Pizzeria Piccola December 3rd*
- 1. Flyer, other advertisement, volunteer sign-up and volunteers are needed.
- 2. Possible Tosa Bowl and Bun dinner event
- 3. We discussed the conversation that **Angie Goodwin** and **Sarah Harris** both had with Tosa Bowl and Bun owners about a change in how this event might look. We discussed a change to a Pasta Night fundraiser, potentially at the school, and how it would work. **Sarah Harris** is to talk to **Ms. Martel** about possibly having this at one or both of Spring Parent/Teacher Conference Nights.

Next meetings

- *Tuesday, November 14th at 5:30 p.m.*
- *Tuesday, December 12th at 5:30 p.m.*
- 1. Please join us!
- 1. Questions, concerns, comments

**Meeting minutes were respectfully submitted by Sarah Harris, MSL's PTSA Secretary on 10/4/2017.*