

MSL PTSA Minutes

11/18/20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Present: Ms. P. Gende, Ms. L. Banks, Mr. J. Parish, Ms. L. Parish, Ms. T. Robinson, Ms. M. Franco-Banaszak, Ms. Friestad, Ms. S. Borges

Minutes from 10/28/20 were approved.

Treasurer's report: Ms. Friestad wrote one check for \$25 for membership. No income to report.

Review: There is an upcoming December meeting to vote whether to stay in the national PTSA. Reviewed what the executive committee discussed when we met to discuss pros/cons of PTSA v. PTO. Discussion opened to hear from members. Milwaukee chapter engagement is lower this year. This, along with how changing status affects tax status, may impact how MSL sees things. Ms. Friestad will contact the state to research our questions and send updates before the December 10th meeting so that we have all the information. At the December 10th meeting (6:30 p.m.): Ms. Banks will vote. Ms. Franco and Ms. Borges will attend as well.

Membership: In the past, the paper form was used and then the state said dues had to be made through Membership Hub. MSL opened a hub at that time; Ms. Gende reflected on what would be needed this year, such as having someone outside of the treasurer to monitor Membership Hub since she recalls that it was a lot of work. If the hub is a one-person job then it could run efficiently if someone has it as the sole task. If we decide to become a PTO then we do not need to have a hub. We should continue to research cashless, virtual, and other options for members to place formal membership and also see how the December state meeting goes.

2nd floor bubbler with filter (Ms. Pfaller): cost \$5,000. Until we determine what we will do with fundraising, and since we currently have slightly over \$4,000, we have put grants on hold. Discussion around funding the bubbler. Ms. Franco will look into it by talking to Dr. Baez and researching additional funding options, like outside grants and possible funders. Ms. Borges will look into a potential health/physical education grant, as well.

Stone Creek free coffee for teachers: we can look online for this and also into additional ideas.

Staff Recognition: we will mail a greeting card to say thanks, 120 cards: Mr. Parish will order, Ms. Franco will get addresses and stamps, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Franco, Ms. Banks, and Ms. Borges to write out the cards. Ms. Gende will contact Ms. Harris to see if she wants to help. Goal: write cards this weekend and mail them off at the same time. Ms. Franco will assist with mailing.

Next meeting: December 16, 2020

Agenda items: Wish list in time for winter break