

Montclair PTO Meeting Notes – Tuesday, September 26th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. There were 10 in attendance: Catrina Alexander, Brittany Marshall, Wendy Nelson, Alicia Kotlarz, Sara Alswager, Melissa Molstad, Christine White, Bob Yager, Ann Thomasset, and Daren Kizlin.

Secretary's Report: Wendy Nelson reviewed the minutes from the 8/22/2017 PTO meeting. The minutes were approved with no edits.

Treasurer's Report: Brittany Marshall reviewed receipts and expenses and shared the treasurer's spreadsheet.

- PTO bank balance as of 9/22/17 was \$27,322.79.
- Recent checks received from Five Guys, Birthday Marquee requests and a parent donation.
- Upcoming expenses include purchase of some "Glow" toys for the 10/6 Spaghetti Dinner and Glow Dance.

Student Directory:

- Karen sent the information to Jackie on 9/26 and Jackie estimated it would take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete. (*Directory was sent out to parents via email from Catrina on 10/19/17).

Fundraisers:

Celebration Marquee:

- A flyer to sign up and pay \$20.00 (to Montclair PTO) for a special note to your child to be displayed on the Celebration Marquee outside the front of school has been sent home at beginning of school year in Friday folders. The form is also available on the PTO website <http://montclair.mpsomaha.org/pto>
- Catrina Alexander is the coordinator for the Celebration Marquee

Spaghetti Dinner and Glow Dance:

- Fazoli's will honor our price from last year (\$3.75 per plate) we charge \$6.00 pre-order and \$7.00 at the door.
- Brittany will provide Fazoli's a head count a few days prior to 10/6.
- Brittany has gotten volunteers from MNHS National Honor Society as well as volunteers from the Masonic Lodge.
- Brittany is giving the DJ some "Montclair Swag" items to hand out during the night.
- A big "Thank You!" to Brittany Marshall for all her hard work to make the 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Glow Dance a huge success!

Food Truck Rally:

- Sponsored by West Omaha Masonic Lodge- date is Sat, 10/14 4pm-8pm rain or shine. 10% of proceeds to be donated back to Montclair PTO.

Lancers Hockey Fundraiser for Montclair PTO:

- Montclair Elementary Lancers night will be on Friday, December 1st
- Prior to that time, a flyer will go out (Alex will create the flyer). There will be an online ordering link to purchase tickets.
- Flyer will show some incentives to reach certain ticket sales thresholds.
- Tickets will be \$14.00 each.
- Based on ticket sale thresholds, \$3.00 to \$5.00 back per ticket will go to Montclair PTO. More tickets sold = more money back to PTO.
- Montclair Choir under the direction of Sara Alswager will perform the National Anthem.

Conference Meal:

- Melissa Molstad is coordinating a Sign Up Genius for 2 conference dinners for our teachers during Parent/Teacher Conferences. The nights will be October 12th and October 17th. One night will be Taco Bar and the other night will be Soups and Salad. A Big "Thank You" to Melissa Molstad for coordinating these!

Fund Requests:

- Amy Becker, our Payback Partner Liaison submitted a fund request asking PTO to pay for \$4.00 per student for an “It’s Yours Pottery” field trip. This school year, the 4th and 5th graders will go on the field trip and next school year the other grades will go. The cost is \$8.00 per student but parents will be asked to donate for the field trip. PTO Board discussed and determined that we’d set aside some funds to help defray costs for any families that could not pay, but we’d encourage asking parents for the full donation of the \$8.00 fee per student and see what kind of response we receive. Similar to PTO putting aside field trip funds from last year.

Misc Items:

- Katie Lethcoe checked into it and we cannot do the CHIP program sponsored by the Masons on MPS property. This was an event that Daren Kizlin had suggested the Masons could do for our students.
- Review of Curriculum Night- discussion around having Sign In/Sign Out stations at both the front and back entrances to the gym. There was a suggestion to put a bucket out for cash donations of perhaps \$1.00-\$2.00 per child for babysitting.
- Box Tops contest will be advertised. Same classroom challenge idea as we’ve done in the past. Oct 15th deadline. Carrie Hushka is our Box Tops coordinator.
- **Hy-Vee Receipts:** We will partner with the Stony Brook Hy-Vee this year as they are a Payback Partner.
 - Montclair PTO is participating in Hy-Vee's Cash for Students program and it's easy to help! From 9/1/17 through 12/31/17, shop any Omaha, Papillion, or Council Bluffs Hy-Vee. Bundle up your receipts and put them in the PTO box in the office. Hy-Vee will donate \$1 for every \$200 in receipts collected back to Montclair PTO.

Food Nights:

- Upcoming food nights are:
 - Tuesday, November 14th- McDonald’s (138th & Q) 4pm-8pm
 - Thursday, November 16th- Popeye’s (Millard) 4pm-8pm
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 - Monday, December 18th- Five Guys (132nd & Dodge) 4pm-8pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. Thanks to all for coming and we hope to see you at our next PTO meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00pm in the Learning Center.