

Montclair PTO Meeting Notes – Tuesday, October 24th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. There were 6 in attendance: Catrina Alexander, Brittany Marshall, Wendy Nelson, Nikki Clark, Katie Lethcoe and Jennifer Dragon-Miller.

Secretary's Report: Wendy Nelson reviewed the minutes from the 9/26/2017 PTO meeting. The minutes were approved with no edits.

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

- PTO bank balance as of 10/23/17 was \$27,710.60.
- Generated \$1,400.50 from Spaghetti Dinner/Glow dance minus \$1058.77 spent to Fazoli's and for Glow items. Net positive to PTO was \$341.73.
- We have \$2,229.00 in the scholarship account. We will give out a \$1,000 scholarship this year which will leave \$1,229.00 in that account. Discussion to fund the scholarship account later this school year.
- Pending item to pay Amy Becker for T-Shirts from fund request.

Student Directory:

- Directory was sent out to parents via email from Catrina on 10/19/17.
- Catrina indicated she got a few emails about incorrect phone numbers. She sent out a revised student directory on 10/29/17.

Fundraisers:

Spaghetti Dinner and Glow Dance:

- Was held on 10/6/17 and was a super fun night!
- We wanted to thank Mike Kolker for being our DJ and Master of ceremonies that night. The kids and parents had a lot of fun! A lot of "Montclair Swag" was handed during the night. PTO funded a gift card for DJ Mike Kolker to thank him 😊
- 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!

Lancers Hockey Fundraiser for Montclair PTO:

- Montclair Elementary Lancers night was held on Friday, December 1st
- Montclair 4th & 5th Grade Choir under the direction of Sara Alswager performed the National Anthem and they were fantastic!
- Alex Reese from Lancers indicated we sold ~ 210 tickets as of 11/30/17. He presented PTO board with a check from the Lancers organization for \$1050.00 on Friday, 12/1.

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

Box Top Contest

- Carrie Hushka is our Box Tops coordinator.
- Box Tops classroom contest was advertised. Had an Oct 15th deadline.
- It was reported that our fall Box Top turn in was the smallest level of participation PTO had seen in some time.
- The springtime turn in date to Box Tops is April 1st.

Hy-Vee Receipts

- Asking families to turn in Hy-Vee receipts right after Winter break. Kelly Ealy is our coordinator.
- 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.

Pancake Man

- The Pancake Man is booked to come to Montclair on Thursday, January 25th evening
- Nikki Clark reaching out to contact at Kohl's for volunteers.
- Nikki will send out a Sign Up Genius link for additional volunteers
- Nikki proposed the idea of doing Treasure Jars at the Pancake Man event since that is popular.

Conference Meal:

- A big "Thank You!" to Melissa Molstad for coordinating the Sign up Genius links for Conference dinners for our teachers and staff during the October Parent/Teacher Conferences. They were held on October 12th and October 17th. One night was Taco Bar and the other night was Soups and Salad.

Fund Request:

From: Dorothy Harman <dmharman@mpsomaha.org>

Date: December 11, 2017 at 4:56:32 PM CST

Subject: Artist in Residence

PTO,

Thank you so very much for your continued support of the Arts for our students! We appreciate the \$5000 set aside for these purposes.

Kim Reid and I have written a Nebraska Arts Council grant for an artist to work with all 1st and 5th grade students at Montclair for 5 sessions per grade level.

I have a copy of the detailed lesson plan provided by the artist if you wish to review.

A NAC grant requires matching funds.

We are requesting:

1. \$945 to match the grant
2. \$300 for planning and purchasing materials
3. Reimbursement to the artist for materials she purchases and presents receipts

We hope to begin the residency on Jan 24 pending approval from the NAC.

We will contact you once the grant is approved.

Mrs. Dorothy Harman

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. Thanks to all for coming and we hope to see you at our next PTO meeting. Note that we do not meet in November or December. Next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:00pm in the Learning Center.

