

9.22.20 PTA Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order.

Recording secretary's report – Minutes from 6/2 virtual meeting were approved.

Corresponding secretary's report - thank you notes were shared.

Treasures report-

Current bank balance = \$141,910

Budget presentation - this has been a difficult budgeting process, as we have never been in a situation like this before. All our revenue comes from the kitchen tour. Without that, planning our expenses for this year was very difficult. We did not want to cut back on anything. But we are running on a reserve budget and must be cautious.

The following events/items were removed from the 2020-2021 budget (with plans to review and reconsider next year):

Beach day

Art recognition (looking for other creative ways to handle it)

MUST

The drama program

The lunch ordering website

The middle school band trip

Stem cart replenishment items

Aside from the items detailed, the annual events remain in the budget. Individual events and line items have been reduced. And some have remained the same year over year. It was difficult to decide where to make the reductions, as we want to support the students, the building, and the teachers. The budget was reduced by 38% to last year.

While our budget has been reduced it is still a robust budget.

Motion made to approve the budget. Budget approved.

New Business –

The next teacher's in-service day will be 10/12. We will be doing a purchase a breakfast for a teacher drive. The breakfast will be provided by a Spring Lake restaurant. Please be on the lookout for sign ups.

If you have not already joined the PTA, or registered on our website or downloaded our mobile App, see below:

Sign-up for your 2020-2021 PTA Membership

To purchase a Mountz PTA 2020-2021 Membership, Click Here: <https://hwmountz.memberhub.store/>

Once you have purchased your 2020-2021 membership, please know that it may take a day or two to be updated on the Mountz PTA website.

Sign-up for the H.W. Mountz PTA Website

If you have not already, sign up for the PTA's website for access to the directory, ability to purchase items, download the Paperless PTO App (our PTA's app) and so much more.

To Create Your Account on the Mountz PTA's website, Click here:

<https://paperlesspto.keritech.net/pto/new.cfm?&d=722&sch=grcDynamic.css?ct=828&oi=802&org=HW%20Mountz%20PTA>

Download the Paperless PTO Mobile App

Download the app at any time from our site or an app store. However, the app will need a "key" (code) to be activated. The key can only be generated from an order on the hwmountzpta.com website by a paid Mountz PTA member. Once you are logged in to the site, click on the "For Sale" tab, then select "Mobile App Registration" and proceed to checkout. There is no fee associated with this, but you must complete the check-out process. Once complete, you will receive a key generated from Paperless PTO to activate your mobile app account.

Dr. LaValvas report -

Thank you to Mrs. Moran for preparing the budget.

In Monday's BOE Meeting a detailed report was provided on what would allow the school to move from Stage 2 to Stage 3. Please see 9/21 BOE meeting minutes for details.

Makers Room - the PTA was one of several funders for this room. The PTA funded just under \$500 to provide appliances.

If parents have questions about their student's health Nurse Koch is available starting at 7:30 to answer questions. At this point attendance has been very good. Reminder to complete health forms each morning.

Back to School Night will be given as a slideshow at 6pm on 10/1. The teachers are creating the slide show. And any questions from the slide show should be directed to the teachers.

On 9/30 at 9:30 there will be a test of the emergency alert system. If you do not receive the correspondence, please contact the main office.

Mrs. Levine's Report -

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome and for introducing yourselves to me.

Teacher's assessments are underway. If a teacher recognizes any gaps, then the afterschool time will be used for supplemental instruction to help children progress to the next level. We appreciate everyone's support during this time.

Mrs. Callahan's Report –

I am the teacher liaison to the PTA. Teachers are so appreciative of all the PTA does for the school, students, and teachers. The children are happy to be back. Teachers will be preparing for mini grant applications soon.

Committee Chair Introductions and Explanation of Committees:

Committee heads introduced themselves and spoke about the function of their committees.

Someone Special Event – Jenn Winn chairs this event. This is an event for boys and their someone special. Past events have included sporting events and dances. This year's event is TBD.

Staff Appreciation – Kerry Patterson chairs this committee.

Breakfasts and lunches are provided to the teachers at various times throughout the year.

Sunshine Committee – Dede Farmer chairs this committee. Gifts are delivered to the Mountz community to celebrate things like the birth of a baby, and to support people during difficult times. Dede was thanked for delivering many baskets, and for being very creative in making them.

Mini Grant Committee - Eileen Lin chairs this committee. It is a partnership with the school and the PTA to provide enrichment which has included: class materials, class trips, speakers. If you have suggestions contact Eileen Lin. The turn in dates for grant applications are Oct and Feb.

BOE Liaison – is Karen Matuch. She provides updates about the PTA in the BOE meetings.

Class Parent Chair – is Karen Matuch. Karen will be sending out an email to the school regarding this year's class parents. The role will focus on communication. And they hope to come up with ideas for the class party.

Book Fair Chair – is Gina Lu. The book fair historically takes place in the library, in partnership with Mrs. Krebs. We are working on a plan to conduct the book fair virtually this year.

Giving Tree Committee – Keri Talucci. We collect gifts around the Holidays. In the past gifts have been delivered to the Kula Café, which is a part of Interfaith Neighbors. We should know in the next few weeks if they will have a holiday event.

Someone Special Dance – Dianne Moran and Jen Louro chair this committee. This is an event for girls and their someone special. Past events have included dances. This year's event is TBD.

Library Volunteer Committee – Steph Sterling is the chair of this committee. Volunteers re-stock books and help Mrs. Krebs with projects. This year's volunteering is TBD.

Scholarship Committee – Susan Newman chairs this committee. 6 scholarships are awarded each year to Mountz graduates who are graduating from high school. The committee reviews the scholarship applications and rate the applications.

PTA website chair – is John Marzullo. The website is a good tool for communication, volunteer sign ups and PTA fundraisers/sales. If anyone is interested in volunteering on the website, please contact John.

Welcome Committee – Dianne Moran chairs this committee. The welcome basket was reinstated this year and was a great way to welcome new families.

Holiday Gift Fair Committee – Eileen Lin, and Andrea Scardino will head this event. This event takes place around the Holidays. This is a shopping opportunity for the kids. They shop for their loved ones, and then they wrap the gifts. Teaching them about giving. We are working to determine details for this year's event.

Field Day Chair – is Jason Martin. This is a big event for the school. And requires a lot of volunteers. More to come on what this event will be like this year.

There will be sign ups on the PTA website for volunteer opportunities for all committees. Please reach out to committee heads if you have any questions about their committees.

Committee Updates:

Teachers in service day lunch was a success. Thank you all for your donations.

Clothing drive was a success. \$447.20 was raised. And 2,236 lbs. of clothing were collected.

Kitchen Tour Book Update:

The deadline to order books is 10/30.

The deadline for sponsoring the book is 10/30

The book is on schedule.

Books will be distributed on 11/14

As of today, 100 books have been sold. And \$5,725 has been raised through sponsorships. Fundraising goal was \$10,000 and we have raised net funds of \$9725.

Suggestions made:

Can we get the kids to help sell books?

Can we have posters made to advertise the book?

Makes a great holiday gift and we can spread the word about buying this for yourself or as a gift.

Make donation button on kitchen tour page bigger.