

MINUTES FOR A MEETING OF THE MERAMEC PTO

January 16, 2025

A meeting of the Meramec Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) was held on January 16, 2025 at 8:50am. The purpose of the meeting was to provide general updates and discuss new business.

ATTENDEES;

Ashley Slater (President), Matt Lourie (Co-Treasurer), Nikki Freyman (Co-Treasurer), Kami Waldman (Secretary), Tricia Spencer (Communications), Robin Lourie, Jennifer Williams and Jason Growe

CALL TO ORDER + WELCOME; (Ashley Slater)

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL; (Ashley Slater)

The minutes from the November meeting were posted to the website for review. Robin Lourie made a motion to approve the November minutes and Matt Lourie second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT; (Nikki Freyman)

Trivia night fund raiser was a great success, haven't figured out the total profit yet. All of the teacher request funds have been used. Jason Growe made a motion to increase the budget for teacher requests by \$2,500. Robin Lourie second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL REPORT; (Mr. Fisher via Ashley McGhaw)

Thank you for the funds for all the teacher requests. Thank you for hosting trivia night and the tables that were donated to the teachers. We have 3 teachers that are retiring this year; Lisa Heiner, Laura Ackerburg and Laura Bruns. We are starting the hiring process for new teachers and specialist. Long range facilities still ongoing, waiting on the Board of Education for decisions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Pancake Breakfast (Jason Growe)

- Event is on 2/1 and will be held at Clayton High School cafeteria.
- Currently have 45 volunteers signed up. Still looking for people for the later shifts.
- Flyers will be sent out this week.
- High school student council member volunteers will be there helping kids with crafts and hat bar.

Family Dance Glow Party (Jen Jordan via Ashley Slater)

- Family Dance party at Meramec gym.
- Hoping to have the event in March, looking at either 3/1 or 3/29.
- Wanting to make it a free event or at least really affordable.
- Jennifer Williams made a motion for \$600 to be added to the budget for the family dance party, Robin Lourie second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Pickleball Fundraiser (Ashely Slater)

- Pickleball fundraiser to be held at Norwood Country Club on 4/19 with rainout date on 4/26.
- Timing still TBD
- Cost \$75 per player which would include food. Alcohol would be additional cost.
- \$50 per non-player, which would include food. Alcohol would be additional cost.
- All food would be Passover friendly.

Room parents (Nathan Singh via Ashley Slater)

- Valentines day party will be happening on 2/13.
- Will be sending out an email next week.

Helping Hands (Jen Jordan via Ashely Slater)

- Dine to donate; setting up 2 more restaurants
- Ms. Gillette is working on a Meramec Beautification Day
- Hoping to put together one school wide service project.

Yearbook (Danijela Boric via Ashely Slater)

- Yearbook cover contest was sent out prior to winter break.
- Contest still open to students

Parent Connection (Ellen Reid via Ashley Slater)

- 1st grade connection party happening on 1/23.
- 5th grade connection party is in the works.

Spirit Wear (Nikki Freyman)

- New merchandise available to purchase on website

Teacher Appreciation (Jenn Mariani via Ashley Slater)

- All gift cards were gifted to teachers and staff before the winter break.
- Spring conference dinners up next.
- Discussed putting together a list of teachers favorite stores and restaurants.

Upcoming Events (Ashley Slater)

- Looking into possibly having a Meramec day at a Slu Billiken's basketball game.
- Looking into the City II, PTO night game.

ADJOURNMENT; (Ashley Slater)

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20th at 8:45 at the Meramec Cafeteria.