

# Moreland PTO

**PTO First Regular Mini-meeting**  
August 26, 2009 2:45 Explorations Room

**Yellow** = needs further discussion

**Attendees:** \*\* Get from Volunteer Log

## Topics:

1. **Volunteer Log started**  
New method for tracking volunteers 2 hour commitments  
Regular Mini-meeting attendance counts!
2. **PTO Night meeting** = Suggested to be held on same day as mini-meetings;  
could include “ladies night” events such as pampered chef  
**First night meeting tentatively set for Wed., Sept. 16th**
3. **PTO Regular Meetings** – To be *held third Wednesday each month at 2:45*
4. **New Computer System**
  - ❖ Pat Collins, MES Computer teacher, will work on Website with Tana Lee and Martha Donnelly.
  - ❖ Parents can see all *PTO events, minutes, announcements online*
  - ❖ PTO information will be hosted on MES website and will include contact information for PTO members
5. **2 Hours of Power Drive**
  - *Martha Donnelly is primary point of contact*  
(marthadonnelly@wildblue.net)
  - Trying to get all parents involved
  - Activities not limited to meeting attendance; could include mentoring students, helping with landscaping, any special skills
  - Commitment application will be available online
6. **Library**
  - a. **Needs Digital Cameras** – Ms. Freeburg wants 9 new ones  
Aimed to help get teachers and students taking pictures for yearbook  
\*Tana Lee heading up yearbook efforts this year
  - b. **Printer cartridges** – collected in basket in library – Money awarded to buy new books and media equipment
  - c. **Book Donations** – **Book Fair will be the first Week of November**; dates will be put online. This is good time for parents to purchase and donate books. Volunteers get paid \$ 5 to work a shift and can turn money back into library book fund.

- d. New ideas for donating books by Lara Thomas, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade parent – Organize “**Birthday Donations**” for parents to put place-card inside cover for library donation in child’s honor.

\*Suggested that a Birthday Book Drive Committee form – contact information will be posted online to sign up

- e. Ms. Freeburg has **list of books** she would like to add to collections. If money is donated, she can order “library quality” books that last longer.

7. **Grade Level Goals** – Debra Archer, PTO President, asked teachers to list specific goals that PTO can help with to make teaching most effecting for teachers. The *list will be posted online when completed then PTO* can discuss priorities and possibilities.

✓ *Over the summer, PTO bought a promethean board, trash cans, and electrical cords.*

✓ Ms. Pitts, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, had an example need – miscellaneous art supplies such as the weekly reader. “Every \$ 20 makes a difference.”

8. **Box Tops** – This is an individual classroom fundraiser.

a. *Parents send in box tops* from participating items to teachers and teachers give PTO their total counts each month.

b. PTO issues *checks to teachers monthly*.

c. Classroom with the highest Box Top count each month gets a PTO c. sponsored *snow-cone and popcorn party*.

9. **PTO to issue teacher funds** – the majority of attendees agree that PTO should issue each teacher a check now to help with classroom supplies.

\* Teresa Mapp, PTO Treasurer, is calculating how much PTO can currently supply.

10. **Nick’s Pizza in Grantville** – to be used for PTO events in addition to Stevie B’s night.

11. **Fall Festival** – PTO will be taking over this year from 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

• **tentatively set for Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**

• need to determine when churches have trunk or treat

• *Sign up to help online*

• Potential events:

Costume Contest

Haunted house (age appropriate)

Fun House

Pumpkin Carving

Harvest through the halls

Carnival food

Movie

Sell Halloween items (glow sticks, face paint)