



BF Morey PTA

Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2010



Kelli Mercurio, President, called the meeting to order at 4:10pm. Kelli, Alicia Kloss, Sharon Corey, Kelly Smith, Kelly Anderson, Cindy Muffley, Meg Besterci, Shary Maloney, Karen Raub and Jane Davis were all in attendance. Kelli then conducted the Pledge of Allegiance and began the meeting.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Kelli read the minutes over aloud. Alicia Kloss made a motion to pass the minutes and Karen Raub seconds the motion.

Second order of business was the President's Report, given by Kelli Mercurio. She reported that the "Cliff the Bee Guy" assembly presented to the students and staff was well received. The PTA got many 'thank you' notes from the students – which are greatly appreciated. Upcoming assemblies were also discussed. Mobile Ed Productions will present Abraham Lincoln in February. The PTA will be providing this assembly for the students. Sedecy Puppets will be presented in March. This is a bullying assembly called "Whatever". Dr. Toleno made mention at the last PTA Presidents meeting that the district will be covering this assembly for our school. Kelli then discussed the "Literacy Alive" program presented by Kappa Delta Phi of ESU. This event will offered as a parent drop off for Morey Students ONLY. Parents are welcomed to stay and participate, but the drop off option is there for their convenience. This event will take place on April 16th from 6:30 – 8:00pm. It will include "Read alouds", crafts, animal games. A snack will be provided. This event is literacy based; siblings may attend with parental supervision. Family fun night at the YMCA was next on the list of discussion. The cost will be \$5 per student. Parents and children under 3 are free. The YMCA will provide their popcorn machine, and snacks like goldfish crackers. They will also provide a craft to do with the children. The Pool will be open from 6 – 8:30pm, the gym from 6pm – 8pm – dodge ball will be taking place at 8:00pm for all to participate in. Volunteers for food tables are needed. Sharon Corey is planning on contacting St. Lukes Church for assistance from their Confirmation Program. In closing Kelli added that Dr. Toleno also mentioned that he was pleased that the playground came in under budget. The district has decided to provide us with benches.

Next on the agenda was the Vice President's Report, given by Sharon Corey. She began with the Gertrude Hawke Fundraiser. She mentioned that it would begin in February for delivery during the week before Easter. She reported that the Texas Roadhouse Dining Night Out was not as well attended as anticipated. The proceeds totaled \$82 - \$55 coming from raffles. Sharon then reported on Craft Night. It was suggested to look at a

cheaper alternative. This is not a fundraiser for PTA – and Poke A Nose Pottery determines the prices. Oriental trading was given as a possible source of materials for our upcoming “Tile Night”. Meg Besterci, Morey’s Art Teacher, is looking into alternatives and get back to the board members to present at the next meeting.

McDonald’s Dining Night Out is scheduled for January 27, 2010 on Lower Main Street from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Volunteers from the staff are necessary. McDonald’s has specifically requested volunteers. A sign up sheet for 1 hour shifts will be posted in the Teacher’s Lounge.

Kelly Smith, then presented the Treasurer’s Report. Our Net Income YTD is \$306.68. Our current bank balance is \$11,206.34. Our income from the key programs in December was \$1615.21. Our expenses were \$2554.86. The expenses went to Teacher Appreciation Brunch, Abe Lincoln Assembly deposit; Reading is Fundamental, Yearbook deposit and Teacher’s Discretionary Fund. She noted that we are in a very good position financially, but our fundraising numbers have been down from last year.

The Principal’s Report was next on the agenda. Principal Muffley first spoke to Student and Class Pictures taken in the Spring. It was mentioned that Lifetouch may give class pictures for free in the during this time. She was going to do some more research on this and get back to us at the next meeting. She also suggested PTA finds out what income is made (if any) from the pictures taken in the Spring. Principal Muffley also suggested that the PTA Newsletter, Flyers and “All Call” be submitted for review and approval at least the day before they are due to go out to families. Next on her list for discussion was the Dress Code Policy for the District. It has been extended to include K-12 students. Navy Blue has been added to the list of Dress Code approved colors for pants. The group discussed shirt and logo options to be made available for purchase by parents and staff. More information will be presented at the next meeting. She also mentioned again that parent volunteers are needed for lunch time hours to assist in the cafeteria. You must be a “District Approved Volunteer” to be able to help out. Packets including the necessary requirements are available in the office.

PTA’s Newsletter was then brought up for discussion. Suggestions were made on how to improve it. Clipart, a little less information and a bigger font were among the suggestions. The board decided to rework the format and come up with something new for February’s letter taking all suggestions under advisement.

Next, the group discussed the need for Yearbook volunteers. There are currently only 2 volunteers on this committee and it is a large undertaking. We also discussed not getting AD’s from local business – due to the economy. Kelli suggested that we construct a “gratitude page” instead. Recognizing all the local business that have supported us this past year, despite the struggling economy. It was also discussed to have a set price for parent boosters. Giving yearbooks to the Second Graders for free was discussed and voted in. Sharon Corey made the motion and Kelly Smith seconds it. February 7th – 12th was also quickly discussed as “Invite Your

Families To School Week". Some ideas were given on how PTA can help the kids celebrate this week. Movie Night, on February 5th will kick this week off.

Kelli thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.

Prepared by Alicia Kloss, Recording Secretary



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Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2009



Kelli Mercurio called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and performed the Pledge of Allegiance. Cindy Muffley, Principal, Kelly Smith, Ann Chirco, Sharon Corey, Kirk Raddick and Kelli Mercurio were all in attendance.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Following the reading of the minutes, Kelly Smith made a motion to pass the minutes. Sharon Corey seconded the motion. Minutes were passed by a unanimous vote.

The second order of business was the President's Report. Kelli briefly discussed the ongoing Feed a Friend program at Morey. Kelly Smith recommended additional reminders. A successful movie night was discussed as well. This event was well attended by Morey families and PTA Board members have received a lot of positive feedback. Kelli shared with those in attendance a program that Kappa Delta Pi would like to offer to Morey students in conjunction with the PTA called Literacy Alive. This event would take place in April. Questions were raised as to whether or not this would be a drop off event for children and if parent volunteers were needed. Kelli will discuss these issues with Shannon Burns of Kappa Delta Pi and report back to the group. Finally, Kelli brought information regarding choosing a third assembly. Abraham Lincoln through Mobile Ed Productions and a bullying assembly called "Whatever" from Sadecky Puppets were reviewed. As the Mobile Ed Production assembly was coming in at a discounted rate of \$250, questions were posed as to whether or not we could raise a lot of money for both assemblies. Again, Kelli will report back to group as to whether or not this is feasible.

Vice President Sharon Corey gave updates on the upcoming Craft Night. She has requested that Poke-A-Nose Pottery also bring tiles this night for purchase. Sharon also discussed selling raffle tickets for a free dinner the evening of the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser. President Kelli Mercurio added that Sonic had not yet been in touch regarding money raised on November 26th. Ann Chirco commented that the waitress had given her receipt back and did not appear to know about the fundraiser. Kelli will take receipt to Sonic and speak to manager regarding mix-up.

Treasurer Kelly Smith reviewed budget and financial report, including money raised for first round of Cookie Dough/Gift Cards sales for November delivery, bringing in \$828.14 and 169.85 respectively. The Crotoberfest also brought in \$275.00. Expenses for the month: Dino Dig for 1st grade: \$305.00 and Movie Night : \$116.23. In addition, Kelly

reported on feedback from staff regarding supplementing costs of classroom books for students (as discussed in previous meeting). Approximately 3-5 students did not get books, but was not clear as to whether or not this was by choice or due to financial constraints. Other options, such as looking at Kinkos or Shutterfly to create books were also reviewed.

Next on the agenda was the Principal's report. Mrs. Muffley reported on faculty involvement in United Way project and donations from staff. In addition, students would also participate in a coin collection to raise funds. The Playground equipment has been ordered, along with an additional handicapped accessible stand-alone piece. Discussed amendments made, as well as looking at adding benches/picnic tables to area that will be extended that is currently staff parking. Kirk Raddick proposed looking at Vo-tech students to contribute to possible landscaping. The addition of a sign was also discussed. Finally, Mrs. Muffley discussed seeking approved parent volunteers to help out in the lunch room. Will add section with this information in the next PTA newsletter.

New items discussed were upcoming events this month, including RIF, above-mentioned Craft Night and TRH, as well as a Holiday Brunch for staff. Flyers will be sent out to families for food donations.

There will be more information sent out regarding Family Night at the YMCA Jan. 23rd.

Kelli Mercurio thanked everyone for attending and adjourned meeting at 7:40pm.

Prepared by: Kelli Mercurio, President



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Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2009



Kelli Mercurio called the meeting to order at 4:05pm and performed the Pledge of Allegiance. Alicia Kloss, Kelli Mercurio, Kelly Smith, Sharon Corey, Kelly Anderson, Ann Chirco, Sharon Mars, Lynsey Caputo, Kasey Reish, Liz Wright, Cindy Muffley, Kirk Raddick, Susie Forrester and Danielle Weiss were all in attendance.

The first order of business was to approve the October Meeting Minutes. All who were in attendance read over the minutes and Kelly Smith made a motion to pass them. Sharon Corey seconds the motion. Kelli then welcomed Jessica O'Keef from Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission. Jessica helps us provide childcare during our meetings. She explained to the group that SROSRC has programs available all year for children in all age groups. They do many different kinds of special events for the kids in our area. Jessica also explained that they have a program called "Stroud Kids Holiday". This program provides childcare for families during holiday breaks from school. This service is provided at the Day Street Facility and costs \$10 per day. She also provided us with some literature.

The second order of business was the President's Report. Kelli gave a brief overview of events that took place in October. Croptoberfest was successful with about 14 in attendance. A January date for another crop is being discussed. Open House was successful. The kids enjoyed Red Ribbon Week. On October 28th, we had our "Pumpkin Picking Event". Due to the rain we had to set the pumpkins out in the hallways, instead of the field. We provided pretzels and juice, Klingel's Farm provided us with pumpkins. Students were very appreciative and enjoyed this event very much! They sent us many handmade "thank you's" which are on display around the PTA Bulletin Board. Morey's Harvest Parade took place on October 30th. We were able to provide volunteers to help sign parents into the school.

The third order of business was fundraising. Kelli turned the floor over to Sharon Corey. At the time of the meeting there were no final order tally's on the cookie dough or SCRIPS fundraisers. The cookie dough orders were due on November 10th. Sharon also discussed running a "Joe Corbi's" fundraiser for the spring, during Lent.

The fourth order of business was the Treasurer's Report. Kelly Smith went over the budget for the month and reported on profits. Entertainment Books brought in approximately \$1400, Friendly's brought in approximately

\$200 and the Open House Bake Sale brought in \$136. A down payment was made to “Cliff the Bee Guy” for the Bee Assembly scheduled for January. The Book Fair was not as successful as last year, but did bring in a profit.

Next on the agenda was the Principal’s Report. Mrs. Muffley reminded the group that the next Playground Committee Meeting was scheduled on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 4:15pm. Child care would be provided. Drawings have been presented from the companies selected by the committee. We need a purchase order by November 30, 2009 so we don’t have to send the project out to bid. Companies are losing the state contract. PTA can make a donation at any time. Principal Muffley also discussed the new Field Trip Policy approved by the district. The district, up to \$5000 per grade, will pay for field trips. The board has stated that each grade should choose a field trip destination so all kindergarten classes will go to the same place, all first grade classes, and so on. The board has also approved the dress code for K-12 and dark blue has been added for a trouser choice. The dress code will go into effect for the ’10-’11 school year. Principal Muffley also suggested we discuss providing polo shirts with Morey’s logo for families to purchase.

We then moved on to new business. Movie Night was discussed. As a group, due to the flu and other illnesses going around, we decided to provide individual bags of snacks and juice boxes for the students to enjoy during this event. Liz Wright mentioned the bound book project the first grade does. Mrs. Jacovelli is in charge of this project. It was suggested that we find out how many students were not able to purchase books last year and find a way for PTA to either buy or subsidize the cost of the books to children who are not able to afford them. Kelly Smith and Liz Wright also suggested either increasing the amount in the PTA Discretionary Fund or adding a line to the budget labeled “Classroom Projects”. Kelli requested they do some research, maybe poll the teachers, to find out what we can help with regarding this project.

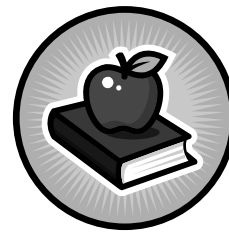
Kelli Mercurio thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm.

Prepared by Alicia Kloss, Recording Secretary



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September 17, 2009



Kelli Mercurio, PTA President at 4:06pm, called the first PTA meeting of the school year to order. Kelli welcomed everyone and performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

First on the agenda was the introduction of officers. Kelli Mercurio, President, Sharon Corey, Vice President, Alicia Kloss, Secretary and Kelly Smith, Treasurer.

Second on the agenda was an explanation of what role the PTA plays within the school. Kelli noted that PTA provides assemblies, field trips, Special events for students, faculty and their families, reading programs and the Teacher Discretionary Fund. Each function was elaborated on and explained for anyone new to PTA. Kelli also discussed the first assembly of the year being the SKYDOME PLANETARIUM assembly. There will be two 45-minute shows offered to the students and staff during the afternoon, and two 45-minute shows offered in the evening for families free of charge.

Third on the agenda was a report from Suzanne Sodl on the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. This Book Fair will take place the night of Open House. The theme this year will be “Destination Book Fair – Read Around the World”. Mr. Rosenblatt has offered to make murals depicting different destinations to hang around the school to get the students excited about this year’s book fair and it’s theme. Suzanne also explained how the time slots will be arranged and how many volunteers will be needed.

Fourth on the agenda was the Principal’s Report. Principal Muffley introduced herself and briefly described her background for parents that were new to the school and PTA. She also discussed some different assembly options given to her by PTA President, Kelli Mercurio. Principal Muffley passed this assembly information on to the teachers earlier in the week and apprised the group of the feedback that she had received. The Honeybee Assembly with Cliff Sunflower came very highly recommended by the teachers. Kelli Mercurio also mentioned the Rainforest Assembly and possibly splitting the time with other elementary schools in the district and making a collective donation in order to keep this assembly free of charge. Mrs. Mercurio will compile more information and re-present her findings at a later date. Also included in the Principal’s Report was an update on the status of Morey’s Playground. Lori Foglio and Samantha Holbert (both with backgrounds in Playground Design) offered assistance in choosing playground equipment. Danielle Weiss suggested “pennies for the

playground” as a fundraising idea to assist in this endeavor. Danielle also made a motion to form a PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE to assist in fundraising ideas and additional input. Sharon Corey seconds the motion.

Fifth on the agenda was a Treasurer’s Report, given by Kelly Smith. Mrs. Smith reported on the funds that have been raised to date from the Back to School Bash, Entertainment Books (to date), Membership Drive, and incoming checks from Target, Texas Roadhouse and Weis (formally Mr. Z’s) from ‘08/’09 school year. Kelly reviewed the budget for the ‘08/’09 school year and presented a budget for the ‘09/’10 school year. She outlined where increases and decreases were made between the two years and proposed that we review PTA’s financial position mid-year to adjust the budget if needed. The budget for ‘09/’10 school year was approved by all present.

Sixth on the agenda was a report from Susie Forrester on the Yearbook and Yearbook Committee. Susie would like to encourage parents and staff to submit photos of students/staff and events via picture CD, online upload or jpeg files through email. Any submissions can be backpacked home with her child. Susie also headed the “Family Portriat” fundraiser last year and was asked if that would be a possibility for this year as well. She was open to the idea. Shary Maloney and Karen Raub made a suggestion to have appointment times for this year and a bit more advertising. Details will be worked on and re-presented at a later date.

Seventh on the agenda was Events and Fundraisers for September. This month’s fundraiser is the 2009/2010 Entertainment Book. Sharon Corey is chairing this fundraiser and made note that the order forms are due September 22, 2009.

Kelli Mercurio, PTA President, thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5:05pm.

Prepared by Alicia Kloss, Recording Secretary