

**MASON PTO
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

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Anna Court / Margarete Scheich
Teacher Representatives

~ IN ATTENDANCE ~

BOARD MEMBERS:

Valerie Albright
Katie Batts
Roy Bishop
Cynthia Latimer
Kris McKean
Kim Rahi
Kristen Rubart
Margarete Scheich
Kelly Sendoykas
Jeff Somers
Krista Somers
Andrea VanBecelaere

GUESTS:

Anna Kociba
Jill Martin
Kelly Ruh
Luis Santiago
Amy Weglarz

ABSENT:

Valerie Albright
Jennifer Amori
Anna Court
Amy Schubert

President's Call to Order – 7:07 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Jeff Somers:

- Minutes from October 17, 2017 meeting were approved.
- Holiday event is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th, from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
 - ❖ Mrs. Court's classroom will be used for Santa. All are welcome to take pictures by the fireplace.
 - ❖ Decorations will be snowflakes and candy canes.
 - ❖ There will be a specialty coffee bar.
 - ❖ A kids' room with a movie and coloring pages will be available.
 - ❖ Holiday planks will be on stage (naughty/nice theme) -- \$1 per puck.
 - ❖ Gift shop (no adults – secret shopping) will include items from \$1 to \$10.
 - ❖ Considering pre-selling tickets online - \$1 each to be used everywhere.
 - ❖ Breakfast will be \$6 per plate in pre-sale and \$7 at the door.
 - ❖ Seating time preferences will help to plan, but are not mandatory.
 - ❖ Sign-Up Genius for volunteers will post on Monday, November 20.
 - ❖ Flyer to post on Friday, November 17.
 - ❖ Music to be decided, but a pianist and students, with musical talent are being considered.
- Calendar of Events for next year was discussed:
 - ❖ The Daddy/Special Person/Daughter Dance & the Mother/Special Person/Son Dance have been combined to make a Winter Formal, which will be held on Saturday, February 10 at Parcels.
 - We discussed purchasing corsages and boutonnieres from Moehring-Woods Flowers to sell in conjunction with the tickets as another way to raise funds.
 - Decorations will be snowflakes and candy canes.
 - We will repurpose the decorations from the Merry Mason Morning event to create a winter theme.
 - ❖ The Spring Fest will be May 12, 2018.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Roy Bishop:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held first week in December. Notices were sent home this week. Format has changed. Child no longer attends. Meetings held to 15 minutes. Child care will be provided during conferences, if needed.
- Turn out for Open House was strong. At least 20 families, with 13 children attended. Students acted as greeters and tour guides. Feedback was extremely positive.
- Participating in Trim a Tree at the Edsel Ford House. More information to come soon.
- Green Team is working to earn funds for a Water Bottle Filling Station. Cost for one is \$955. Mason students will be collecting cans and bottles to offset the cost. A suggestion to offer reusable water bottles, with the Mason Moose in the Spirit Store was very well received. Katie Batts will check into pricing. Proceeds would go toward the Green Team's fundraising efforts.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE – Margarette Scheich

- Along with Anna Court, will be taking over official duties during Gina Green's maternity leave.
- Mrs. Scheich will handle coordinating information for teachers to send home to parents.
- Thank you from kindergartens and Y5s for providing the bus for the pumpkin patch field trip.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING – Katie Batts (for Jennifer Amori - absent):

- Fun Run total is \$21,135 – highest in our history!
- Haunted Garage yielded \$735
- Food totals (including Jets) is \$669.58
- Spirit Wear netted \$220. Shop will reopen soon for a two-week period. Items will remain basically the same.
- Fall Fest was not meant to be a fundraiser, rather it was to serve as a thank you to Mason families for their participation in the Fun Run and for their continued support. We expected it to cost about \$400 and it ended up only costing the PTO \$8! Costs were offset by food sales; the scarecrows contest; and games.
- WaterMark Bar & Grille is presenting Detroit Circus on Tuesday, November 21, from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. However, we can dine between 11:00 and 9 p.m. and, by mentioning Mason, we will get a percentage of the food bill.

HOSPITALITY – Amy Schubert (absent):

- Detailed report of plans for Merry Mason Morning was distributed.

VOLUNTEERS – Kim Rahi & Andrea VanBecelaere:

- No report for Volunteers.
- Request for needs for Merry Morning at Mason event.

SCHOOL BOARD OBSERVER – Valerie Albright (absent):

- Written report to come and will be posted to PTO website.

PTO COUNCIL OBSERVER – Cynthia Latimer:

- School fundraising efforts were reported. Mason appears to be in the top three in money raised.

ASD EMISSARY – Kristen Rubart:

- No report.

BOARD REPORTS

CORRESPONDING/COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY – Krista Somers:

- Merry Mason Morning flyers are set to go.
- Deck the Mason halls to take place, beginning Monday, December 4th.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Kris McKean:

- Preparing to launch a call for candidates to replace current Treasurer. Flyer to go out this week and will also post to all sites. Deadline for candidates will be Friday, January 5th. Nominating Committee volunteers from general membership will be assembled. To date, Liz Hubbell; Sarah Tomich; and Amy Weglarz have agreed to sit on the panel. We need another two to complete the committee.

TREASURER – Kelly Sendoykas:

- Provided updated hard copy of current budget and went over YTD activity.

VICE PRESIDENT – Katie Batts:

- Mason is one of the top two schools for Get Movin’Crew fundraising. Our picture of Mr. Bishop getting taped to the wall could be on next year’s front page!

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- Amy Wegrarz shared that the 2018 Diversity calendar, produced by the GP Board of Realtors, is available thru the District website for \$10. Only 500 were printed and 100 have already been sold.
- GP Parents for Unity in Diversity will meet November 30th at 6:30 p.n. at Defer Elementary. Public is invited. Mason will host this group on March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Public is invited.
- Jimmy Johns has always donated subs for teachers on the night of conferences. PTO will provide chips, pop and water. Katie Batts will touch base with Jimmy Johns.

Jeff Somers called for a motion to adjourn. Katie Batts motioned – seconded by Roy Bishop & Kelly Sendoykas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 12th – 7:00 p.m.