

1. Call to Order: **MPMS PTSA Meeting,**
 - a. **Wednesday, December 1st 10 am**
 - b. In attendance:
Anjanette Salmon, Trudi D'Ambrosio, Cindy Sinkez, Liz Welsch, Cindy Samson, Stacey Kashuba, Nicole Gagnon, Barb Butterworth, Don Fick, Wendy Holladay, Kristen Wright
2. Approval of Minutes.
3. President's Welcome and Announcements: Cindy Sinkez
 - a. Reminder to Chairs to stop and check closet for mail
 - b. Old Business: none
 - c. New Business: none
4. Treasurer's Report: Trudi D'Ambrosio
 - a. Not been audited/approved yet – waiting on bank statement
 1. Balance: \$24,560.70
 2. Income: \$5295.22, Expenses: 2430.70, one returned check
 3. 765 members
 4. First Citizens bank: new program for getting funds back: they try twice. Should we enroll in program? \$7.00 fee. Recommended yes.
 5. Revised Budget: will be posted to website. Revised with actual numbers. Needs to be reapproved at next general meeting. Vote passes to accept.
 6. Principal's discretionary fund: proposal to purchase a few generic agendas (50) to help since we've run out. Mr. Smith ok. Done.
5. Mr. Smith: Excited about Cinderella performances and athletic awards celebration. Boosters provide cakes for each team. Certificates and plaques if win division. Coaches awards as well. 6th grade canned food drive very successful. Student council now up and running: homeroom reps beginning to meet.
6. Vice Presidents and Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Bob Young: absent due to death in the family.
 - b. Stacey Kashuba:
 - c. Author Visit update
 - d. 8th Grade: 2nd planning meeting tomorrow. Plans for dance, end of year cookout with DJ!
 - e. Spirit Wear: initial orders for winter spirit wear – can still be ordered. Low on purple AS and out of Large purple hoodies sweatshirts and have to order in batches of 35 at a time. Need to order some to have in stock.
 - f. No Fuss Fundraiser: Done. \$7041.00 (perhaps one more \$100 matching donation.)
7. Spring Fundraiser: MILLS MADNESS March 4th is official date. Basketball games students/faculty. Halftime entertainment coming. Silent Auction and ticket sales. Have secured NCAA first round tickets! Committee getting started. Durham bulls employee in student body...Dpac coming. Obstacle course no because of liability. Boosters will run concessions and split the take. Will need lots of volunteers, 8th grade events and staff appreciation offered to help. Will hit student council and boosters to start generating excitement. Lottery tickets...everyone ask all your contacts for donations starting now!
 - a. Membership: Plaques up in hallway! And posters for all members who joined up too!
 1. Need to check on new enrollments: welcome to the school and member info letter.
 - b. Directory: Done – you should have received it!

- c. Communication/Website: Website is humming along. Need new content! Janice Ryan joining Don and Amy Sheehan to maintain. 800 unique visitors per month. Newsletter 6 issues. 870 names on mailing list too. Coverage for some non-PTSA groups...all clubs welcome. Teachers thankful to be included on newsletter list. Need Non-school sponsored news tab for non-school initiated things. (having issues with Lacrosse and baseball. They are not sponsored by the school.)
- d. Vendor Fundraising: Last day for 1st trimester at HT: \$380.23. Coming after first of the year. Will do another push through the newsletter and starting Food Lion process. Have a container for boxtops – beginning to get ready to send in first collection. Boxtops has facebook page to get double counts sometimes. Scripps not going yet.
 - 1. Panther Creek having trouble with multiple school groups getting a diff VIC number : we discussed it and leave it open to individuals as you can link 5 schools and it doesn't change the amount.
- e. Volunteers:
 - 1. NEW NEED: Tutoring program 4-5 days per week. 2 parents per student. Program is called Great Leaps. School is requesting it: need 10 volunteers at this time. January training session is coming. Starting work in February. 20 minutes per day – same time every day. Driven through guidance and school psychiatrists. Probably on semester basis.
 - 2. School improvement team 4 people joined via website. Nominating committee: Michelle and Debbie S.
 - 3. Tara James: Sent email thanking for food. Back in hospital : 7th floor at Rex.
- f. Restaurant Nights: From Debbie Mitchell: My little one is sick at home with me this morning. I will be dropping off a check from Chic Fil A and will leave it at the front office for Trudi. I sent an email out regarding 2 upcoming pizza nights (on 12/10 and 12/21 and neither requires eat in or a need for volunteers) and an idea I had for a "Dinner For A Year" raffle. Can you please get some feedback for me? I also have a restaurant night at Rosatti's in January. And so our Brier Creek residents won't have to travel this way all the time to participate, will have one at Tra Li Irish Pub (Feb) and at Moe's as well. I am so sorry I cannot be there this morning. Please give my best to everyone. And let me know what you think about the raffle so I can start heading out to some really nice restaurants for their contributions for the raffle!

Debbie H. Mitchell: Cindy is checking on raffle rules with NCPTA for approval for raffle.

Concern about not overlapping with Spring Fundraiser. Need to coordinate which restaurants each can hit.
- g. Hospitality: Cindy spoke with Spanish club teacher/ESL teacher. Would like to host a bilingual night. To help ESL families get acclimated and answer questions. Asking for snacks/refreshments.
- h. Reflections: Judging done, items shipped off to Region level for next level of judging. At end of school year recognize. But at next end of quarter award ceremonies they will be recognized.
- i. Teacher/staff Appreciation: Did Pumpkin muffins on Nov 19th, ER cookies planned. Holiday gift was ordered but returned it – switching to Borders gift cards.

- j. Cultural Arts: musicians came: jazz lesson! Next event planned for March. And author visit coming. Working on getting copy of book.
 - k. Recognition of Student Excellence: 2 budget line items: end of year and student recognition piece. A stash of "kudos" items for teachers to pull if needed. Pencils, key chains, magnets.
 - l. Media Center
 - m. Audit : waiting on bank statement
 - n. NOMINATING COMMITTEE
 - o. Two club startup grant requests: Spanish Club: wants games and snacks. Grant approved by board. OM: 5 teams. Grant approved. Both get \$100.00 grant.
8. Future Business
9. Next Meeting date: Jan 5th. General Meeting: March. Elections?
10. Close 11:30 am.