

Mercerville PTA, Inc  
PTA Meeting: The Year of Service  
Minutes  
Date: 8/22/17  
Time: 7:00 PM

**Officers in Attendance:** Kimberly Miller, Dina Thornton, Amy Ford, Patti Gerber, Marcia Allen

**School Representative:** Jack Byrne

**Volunteers:** Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Donovan

**# of Total Attendees:** 19

**Call to Order at:** 7:00 PM

**Welcome and Introductions-** great to see so many faces! Welcome to new Mercerville parents!

No Minutes from June 2017 meeting.

**President's Report:**

Thanks to everyone working through summer for audit of budgets and working on budgets. Green folders should arrive this week.

Fun run last year was so successful that this year the PTA can focus fundraising efforts on providing services only. This year will be a "year of service". All fundraising efforts will be focused on providing things that provide a direct benefit for people, ie pies for purchase around the holidays, etc.

**Principal's Report:**

Staff updates:

Kathy Anastasio new librarian

New Vocal music teacher Joe Ketterer, Mrs. Raab has stayed with the district as an instrumental music teacher

Mrs. Carney has returned from FMLA for 1st grade

Miss Davidson is newly wed and her name is now Mrs. Beck

New Child Study Team for Mercerville - Ann Marie Wagner, Paige Lucia, Carrie Klinger

Mr Fanning, one of the custodians had double knee surgery this summer. He is doing well, up and walking around. His retirement is planned for October 1

Mrs Regina Bertothy special education teacher will be helping Fifth grade PT

New playground is in the process of being installed

Soccer goals purchased by the PTA have arrived and will be on playground before school starts

Fifth grade committee from 16-17 purchased a welcome mat

Specialist at Mercerville in the morning then to Klockner

Teachers will be doing lunch and recess duty

Lunch this year: 11:15-11:45 4th and 5th; 11:50-12:20 K and 2; 12:25-12:55 1st and 3rd

Many parts of the building were painted this summer

Boys room on the main floor has a new drop ceiling and new lights

The school has been scrubbed, cleaned, and looking good for the start of school

Working on patrols with the teachers since 5th grade won't be with K for lunch. There may be more morning duties with K from bus to classroom and dismissal, more possibilities to help teachers during lunch and recess in office, classrooms, etc.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Still working on finalizing numbers for the budget. The budget will go out at back to school night for vote.

### **Correspondence:**

None at this time

### **Committee Reports:**

**Audits** - Audit is done and everything is reconciled to the penny

**Box Tops** - collection and reward each trimester. Students will receive a ziploc with the name and teacher each trimester. Due back Nov 1 for payment received in December; April 1 for payment in May. There will be a 1st place winner each trimester. The class will earn a special treat. There will also be a 2nd and 3rd place class winners each trimester that will receive a little something, such as a pen, etc.

**Budget** - will be presented for meeting at Back to School Night

**Calendar** - any submissions for events should be submitted by 8/28 to Patti

**Family Fun** - New ideas and help are needed! If you have an idea, the PTA will help you organize it! Would love to try something new! The plan is to do things we have done in the past such as Trenton Thunder next June, two Ice Skating events-one around the holidays and one in February, Block Party in June, Trunk or Treat in October, Spring Fling in March/April. Exact dates are not set for anything yet.

**Fifth Grade Committee** - starting fundraising, They are exploring the following ideas: Yankee candle, Krispy Kreme, dine out nights, beef dinner at the Hibernian, kettle corn sales and cotton candy sales, bake sales, plush toys. Date of party to be discussed with teachers

**Fundraisers** - many things for fundraising can be done anytime during the day, so if you work during the day...please consider helping. Open to ideas for fundraising and always looking to do something different.

**Green Folders** - Will contain only a few flyers this year as the online Backpack is available now for many of the forms. All for the PTA forms will come via green folder to sign up for committees and membership.

**Save Around** - new coupon book this year with an app. It will be presented this fall. Will go out after back to school night

**Membership**- NJPTA membership. Mercerville PTA charges \$5. \$1 goes to Mercerville PTA and \$4 goes to NJPTA. The class at the end of the year with the most memberships receives a treat.

**Mums** - Fall fundraiser from Timothy's. 8 in and 12inch. They get delivered to Mercerville and pick up is in the back parking lot. Looking to do sale for pick up at end of Sept/beginning of Oct.

**Room Reps** - info will be in green folder. Meeting will be on Sept 26.

**Welcome Back Staff Breakfast** - donation sheet sent around during meeting. Kimberly will need donations by 9/1

### **To Be Discussed:**

**Committee Volunteers:** please consider helping out on committees! All committee information will be in the green folder.

**Open Committee Chairs:** Don't be afraid of taking a lead, even if you work during the day. Kimberly can always collect orders and money and you can pick up from her. Seasoned PTA members will help guide you!

**Shadowing Dina:** mums, pies, trunk or treat. Work with Dina this year and learn the ropes for these fundraisers and events!

**New Ideas:** The PTA is looking to partner with the Bromley Center food pantry for community service

The PTA is about helping. Helping each other, the teachers, and the students. If you like helping, please keep coming to meetings and consider helping out on a committee

Referendum vote Sept 26. More information can be found on the district website and on the Mercerville PTA website-announcement page. The websites show what each building needs. There are also 4 meetings coming up in September regarding the referendum.

**Next PTA meeting:** Tuesday 9/12

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:54 PM