# Attendees

Jen Morhous, Jess Manger, Kat Copeland, Kyla Gallacher, Jenn Lemaire, Meredith L’Hommedieu, Sarah Dailey

# Agenda

## Introduction and Roll Call

* Jen Morhous called the meeting to order

## Principal’s Update

* Kyle Grady was not able to attend today’s meeting

## Officer Updates

Co-Chair

* Courtney Cratty was unable to attend today’s meeting and sent an update to Jen Morhous to share with the group
* The board met earlier this month to discuss changes in the budget and what the SPTO is able to fund in the next school year and in years to come
* Members of the board met with Ross Mulkerin to share the recommendations that the board agreed upon (ie, no longer funding field trips due to rising bussing costs and not funding classroom magazines)
* Mr. Mulkerin will be speaking to the teachers about whether they use the classroom magazines or if there are other programs/materials that may be more useful
* Courtney asked that the general SPTO vote to approve these changes, but the group today felt that there is not enough information back from the teachers yet to have a formal vote

Treasurer

* Kara Herbertz sent an update to Kyla Gallacher to share with the group
* Kara deposited $2262.50 from the Arts Buffet
* $516.24 was transferred from PayPal to the SPTO account for Hale’s “non-fundraiser” fundraiser

## Committee Updates

Staff Appreciation

* Center’s week will be May 21-May 25 due to MCAS schedule
* First committee meeting will be next Monday 3/19 at 9:30am at Emma’s
* Due to the smaller budget, discussed putting out the PayPal link for parent donations earlier than in the past to aid planning

Arts and Culture

* Kat Copeland said that things are going well and events are booked at each grade level for the rest of the year
* Kat will talk with Kara to see how much money remains in the Arts and Culture budget to determine whether another all school program can be arranged before the end of the year

Project Prep

* MeredithL’Hommedieu reported that the Project Prep bin has been low or empty many days due to the fact that volunteers were scarce at the beginning of the year and teachers were aware of this
* Jen Morhous will let Mr. Mulkerin know that there are more volunteers coming in weekly and that teachers should be sure to give the volunteers more lead time to compete projects
* Kathy Konno will stay on as coordinator for next year

Social

* Talked about adding a new winter event for next year, as well as the annual Halloween dance
* Jen Morhous suggested having a new member coffee in the fall next year to recruit new members

Fifth/Eighth Grade Move Up Celebrations

* Courtney Cratty has scheduled planning meetings for both celebrations to take place this month

## New Business

* Open Positions for 2018/2019: Center Co-Chair, Fundraising Chair, Arts Buffet shadow to take over the following year, Picnic Coordinator, 7th/8th grades Arts and Culture

Next Meeting Monday, April 9th at 7pm, Center Science Room