

MOANALUA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO
MEET AND GREET/GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Lito Patague called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. in the MES library.

II. Voting members Present: There were 38 voting members present satisfying the 30 members required to conduct elections for new Executive positions.

III. INTRODUCTIONS: L. Patague

President Patague introduced the new MES Principal, current MESPTO officers, and nominees for Treasurer and Secretary positions:

- Principal Lynda Galera
- President Lito Patague
- Co-Vice President Carol Hayashi
- Co-Vice President Alan Wiederholt
- Former Treasurer Melissa Au
- Former Secretary Lei Fukumura
- Candidate for Treasurer Suzanne Tsuhako
- Candidate for Secretary Randon Blackmon

IV. Elections: L. Patague

Vacancies for Treasurer and Secretary were elected, both by 38 votes.

V. Minutes Approval

General membership meeting minutes of May 14, 2014 were distributed and approved.

VI. Committee/Committee Chairperson Introductions

- Aloha Aina Day (Christine Hanakawa & Julie Jones)
2nd largest fundraiser for the school. The event promotes recycling/reducing in partnership with the Kokua Foundation and Moanlua Middle School.
- Apple Giving Tree (Kellie Aragon & Cila Goda)
Mural – Jessica is not finished; birds and Hokule'a. Will charge \$300 more. Invoice was sent for 5th grade mural, which needs to be fixed.

- Arts & Culture (Valerie Sugawa)
In 2013 offered classes, ceramics, artist training cards
**Looking for someone to bring art ideas to the school.*
- Book Club/PTO Free Library (Joyce Yoshimoto)
Has enough volunteers.
**Needs "gently used" 1st,2nd,3rd grade books donated on Wednesdays*
- Budget & Finances/Fundraising (Toddi Nakagawa)
Focus on effective strategic fundraising without taxing parents & students.
- Campus Beautification (Gracie Proute & Richard Chang)
Thank you 6th grade funds. Will present list to President and will look for input from PTO
**Looking for Volunteers*
- Community Relations (Joyce Banas)
PTO Board & Administration, Moanalua Gardens Association
** Looking for someone to help attend meetings the 1st Tuesday 7-8pm. They usually have items on agenda pertaining to MES/MMS/MHS.*
- Legislative Relations (Christine Hanakawa)
There are currently 2 Representatives and 1 Senator (MES Alumni, Senator Makai)
- Health & Fitness (John DeMarco)
**Looking for help with previous Co-Chair gone.*
- Fun Fair (Lynn Muneno & Carol Hayashi)
Largest fundraiser of the year.
**Looking for 2 Co-Chairs to mentor this year in order to "pass the baton" for next year school year. *Looking for Volunteers.*
- Hospitality (Maddie Ledda)
**Organizes meals & functions*
- Manpower (Mary Cheung & Dawn Yoshimura)
Involved in MES Committees & Fun Fair, 2 Family Bingo Nights (maintains spreadsheets, makes signs).
**Looking for volunteers to help alleviate Co-Chairs & pass baton. Asking all committees to help other committees in they are available to help.*
- Membership (Audrey Suga-Nakagawa & Ray Nakagawa)
Provide spreadsheet, data input, deposit monies

Striving for flexible membership fees in order to encourage participation.

**Looking for new parents/Co-Chair for next year.*

- Military Liaison (Kimberly Kim)
- Orchestra (Gladys Lin)
- Portfolio (Terri Kimura)
Used mural for last years cover design.
- Programs
Looking for volunteers
- Publicity
Looking for volunteers
- Reading As Partners (Joyce Yoshimoto)
In 2013-2014, 16 classes had 100%. Promoted by incentives and prizes. Volunteers help teachers
**Looking for volunteers Tuesdays 8:30am*
- School Store/School T-shirt (Manny & Annie Salvador)
**Expected to be on times. Tie-dye look. Same color & price.*
- Teacher Appreciation Day
**1st week of May. Treats & Meals.*
- Website (Lyanne & Stephan Figart)

VII. Networking

Involves PTO, MES, Moanalua Gardens, Moanalua Valley, sports groups, and other community groups.

VII. Announcements

- MES Sign Repair – Approx: \$,1500.00
- MES Marquee Replacement – Approx: \$20,000.00
- iPads for all classrooms (WONDERS program)
- MacBooks for classrooms
- VEX Robotics Kits

8.20.2014 Committee Meetings

Fun Fair Meeting

8.22.2014 Cub Scouts

1st- 4th grade, 4th grade trains for Boy Scouts. Fridays 7-8pm

9.03.2014 PTO Monthly Board Meeting

VIII. New Principal Introduction (Lynda Galera)

Principal Galera provided previous career experience.

Focus: "Return to Excellence"

Goal: To be 1st elementary school in Hawai'i to be selected to attend Model School Conference (includes Principal & team of 6 teachers).

Student Trip Updates:

4th Grade Big Island Trip:

Currently asking questions: How to support parents & children who cannot attend? How does it impact their grade for those who could not attend?

Ensuring the trip aligns with school's vision of excellence.

6th Grade Leadership Camp:

Principal will look into, was unaware prior to PTO Meeting.

IX. Adjournment

President Lito Patague adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Randon Blackmon
MESPTO Secretary