

September 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Lindsay Moody.

The executive board was introduced and approved by the general assembly:

President: Lindsay Moody
Vice President: Toni Walters
Treasurer: Mike McNerney
Secretary: Nancy Pearl

Dr. Arnold

- The staff participated in social emotional staff development.
- Restorative circles are being used in the classrooms.
- Follow @Avery_Elem on Twitter and look for #AverySEL to see examples of social emotional learning in the classroom.
- Staff are also focusing on DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) in the classroom.

Treasurer Mike McNerney presented the budget:

- The 2018-2019 budget was approved by the general assembly.
- For transparency, a budget report will be on the Avery PTO website and updated monthly.
- We have raised about \$3000 towards the fundraiser buyout, the goal is \$10,000 and every dollar donated goes directly to the teachers.

Fall Festival Update Provided by Amy Whisler:

- It is Friday, October 5 from 6-9pm
- Upcycled prized are needed and can be dropped off at 661 Clark Ave on the porch.
- Gently used Avery spirit wear can also be donated (no blacktop ball t-shirts)
- Many volunteers are needed to make this night work. Sign up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094cabae2babfc1-avery>
- Look in the All Star News for Fall Festival updates.

Parents for Racial Equity Update Provided by Elisa Tomich

- The next meeting is Monday, October 15. **Adelaide Lancaster**, co-founder of We Stories, will join us for a conversation about how to talk with kids about race and racism. We Stories has engaged more than 700 families across the St. Louis region on this topic.
- Visit their website for more information: <https://mo02202299.schoolwires.net/Page/18565>

Webster Groves School District Foundation Update Provided by Erica Morrison

- The foundation provides grants for innovative projects.
- Visit their website for upcoming events and information:
<https://www.wgsdfoundation.org/>

Upcoming Dates:

- **September 29: Progressive Dinner**
- **October 5: Fall Festival 6-9pm**

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00pm in the library. School counselor, Anna Garwood will be presenting on bullying.