

MARIEMONT HIGH SCHOOL PTO

April 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes

WELCOME – MHS PTO President Molly Stewart welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at 7:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Erika Hinebaugh moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Nina Iredale and the motion passed.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Katie Peters

- Katie reported on student council elections for next year, spring fling, and the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser.

TEACHER REPORT – Debbie Keefe

- Debbie thanked the PTO for support and treats for the teachers. There was a review of the remaining activities for the senior students. The last day of school for seniors is May 21, 2012.

COUNSELOR'S REPORT – Pam Tackett and Amanda Lesczucuk

- There will be a college application workshop in the summer before school starts to help the seniors with college applications. There will be 3 college admission representatives assisting with the workshop. The senior class this year sent out 153 applications to Ohio colleges and 189 to other states.
- The counselors met with the junior students to work on writing resumes and essays to assist in job searches.
- There was a review of the AP testing process and discussion regarding GPAs for quarters versus cumulative totals.
- The process and amount of scholarships given out by MHS PTO were discussed.
- There was a college-planning meeting for 9th and 10th grade parents with copies of the meeting information available in the guidance office.
- An anti-bullying program will be implemented in the district next year.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Renner

- Jim reported that the district calendar is being formulated with dates due by April 19th.
- There was a discussion regarding the learning with assessments taking place and the sharing of resources with other schools.
- A new website for the district and schools will be online in June. The address for the high school is changing to 1 Warrior Way on June 1st, with the Board of Education address to be 2 Warrior Way.
- Money must be paid for the AP exams.
- Beginning in school year 2014/2015 every course in the high school will have an exit exam. Teachers will be rated on a 1 to 4 scale. Teachers will be evaluated and their pay will be contingent upon their rating; per Jim most teachers in the high school are tenured and cannot be fired. The Batel system of evaluation is a required federal program.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Judi Lehman

- The current budget is on track with the budget for this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AFTER PROM – Molly Stewart

- Molly reported for the committee and said planning is on schedule for the event.

GRADUATION BOAT TRIP – Nina Iredale

- The cost to attend the event, which takes place immediately after the graduation ceremony, will be \$15 for students. There will be gift cards and prizes. It was recommended the price of the event be revisited next year.

ODD COUPLE DANCE – Kathy Deadrick

- The dance will take place Sunday May 6th.

KROGER CARDS - Sandra Taylor

- At the end of April there will be no more neighborhood reward cards; Kroger is instituting a new program like Target whereby PTO members go on Kroger's website and enroll in a program whereby it is designated where the reward will go. Kroger does not include fuel points in the reward program. Kroger has allocated approximately \$5 million for Kroger Community Awards with payments made to organizations based upon how much money is spent in a specific timeframe. Please call Sandra if you have any questions.

PLAN BOOKS – Andrea Brokamp

- Fewer plan books will be offered for sale next year recognizing declining sales. Sales will take place at the student orientation on August 29th and the first week of school in the lobby. Cost of a plan book is \$5.

PROM FLOWERS – Mary Beth York

- Mary Beth will be selling prom flowers and requested the proceeds go to the memorial shelter for Collin Barton to be built in Terrace Park.

NEW BUSINESS

- Positions for Next Year – There are 2 additional people needed to help chair the Hospitality committee for next year. There was discussion regarding addition of a Ladies Night fundraiser to benefit MHS PTO next year; more information will be forthcoming as details become available.
- Budget Discussion & Subcommittee – It was suggested that plan books and directories sold by MHS PTO could possibly be electronic with a fee to access the documents and cost for hard copies next year. The district has created a “brand” whereby all Mariemont products will have the same logo. This affects the spirit wear sold by the PTO; the function will be taken over by the Boosters with approximately \$2,500 guaranteed to PTO. PTO will be required to run the spirit shop and will receive a 25% split on profit with Boosters receiving 75%. This summer there will be a subcommittee to come up with fundraising ideas and review of the budget recognizing potential decreases in money raised by spirit wear.
- Last Meeting of the Year- This is the In/Out meeting and it will take place May 2, 2012 at Molly Stewart's house.

Susan Peck made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Erika Hinebaugh.

Submitted by Tracy Wood, Secretary

