

MARIEMONT HIGH SCHOOL PTO November 4, 2011 Meeting Minutes

WELCOME – MHS PTO President Molly Stewart welcomed everyone to the meeting at 8:50 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Beth Flynn moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Sandra Taylor and the motion passed.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Katie Peters

- Katie reported that student council is starting service projects to raise money for youth organizations. Also in partnership with CHL schools, they are raising money by selling shirts to benefit charities. Josh Cares is also a charity they are working with that cares for kids while their parents are in the hospital.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – No Report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – No Report

TEACHER REPORT – Debbie Keefe

- Dues have been turned into PTO for teacher membership. The PTO was thanked in advance of conferences for dinners provided. Teacher conferences will be in the library and commons and if parents cannot get on the schedule with a teacher they should contact the teacher directly for an alternative time. The Sophomore class collected 120 coats to be donated. The Junior class will be collecting toys to be donated to the FreeStore/FoodBank in December. The Key Club canned food drive starts November 7th. The Senior class sponsors a blood drive to take place on March 1, 2012.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Renner

- Jim reported on Mary Halsall's progress and said they are hoping she will return to the classroom on a regular basis in December.
- Jim noted there are more freshmen and sophomores bringing their own technology to school. The dialogue on educational technology is ongoing.
- Jim reported the teachers met with the board and architects to discuss proposed changes to the J pod. There has been discussion about creating a world language lab where students can study languages not currently offered in the curriculum. There will be further information forthcoming on the proposed renovations.
- The district is working with UC to keep the dual credit program at MHS instead of busing the students to UC Clermont to take classes. There will be more information forthcoming.
- Last night there were 50 inductees into the MHS National Honor Society.
- Conferences are to take place on November 9th and 17th in 10 minute increments in the commons and library.
- At the end of May 2011 there were exams given at MHS with the 10th grade reflecting the highest on the state Batel scores. This reflects value added to the OAA achievement scores/state report card. Eventually this test will replace the Ohio Graduation Test with new contents and standards. Jim gave an overview the various tests.

- Paul Imhoff is participating in an exchange program with an administrator of a secondary school in China who will be visiting the week of November 14th and there will be student performances and a welcoming program.

TREASURER'S REPORT – No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOSPITALITY – Erika Hinebaugh and Laura Dolle

- There is a signup to help with dinners for teacher conferences.

SPIRIT SHOP – Susan Malone

- Merchandise is available for sale with hours Friday 11 am to 1 pm on Fridays as well as at the teacher conferences. Also there will be some sales during the basketball games.

KROGER CARDS – Sandra Taylor

- Sandra will deliver to those who wish to purchase a card and she reported that PTO made \$550 in October with 34 families participating. PTO also receives profit from gas purchases from Kroger. Target credit cards can also have MHS designated to receive profits.

CONSUMER SURVEYS – Molly Stewart for Jamie Keyes

- The first consumer survey will be Wednesday November 30th with reminder emails to be sent to those who have signed up. There was discussion regarding the potential usage of volunteerspot.com for volunteer signups in the future.

WEB PAGE DEVELOPER – Beth Garrison

- The Mariemont school district is revamping the website at the end of the year. All information to be posted on the website for PTO should be forwarded to Molly Stewart and she will pass it on to Beth.

HOLIDAY FAIR – Donna Goheen and Laura Dolle

- Dinner for Holiday Fair will be in the commons and will include pizza, chili, salad, and bread. Parents were encouraged to attend to purchase items to be sold, including a silent auction and art club.

POINSETTIA SALE – Cy Zack

- Items ordered can be picked at Mariemont Florist December 3rd from 10 am to 12 pm. Also, there will be a 10% discount that day with some proceeds to benefit MHS. Last year \$300 was raised by this event.

NEW BUSINESS

- The PTO distributed \$50 to each MHS teacher for supplies.
- The Fall play is Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead with performances November 17th through 19th in the auditorium. Ticket order forms have been sent out. The play is being directed by Sean Cameron, who is a 2005 MHS graduate.
- The Art Department is looking for donations of old electric skillets to use for art projects.
- There was discussion regarding Progressbook and any changes that may have taken place in the past year.

- The third annual Booster mattress sale will take place on Saturday, November 5th. Last year \$3,000 was raised.
- There was a suggestion that a homecoming be sponsored for basketball with discussion following.

Kathy Deadrick made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Erika Hinebaugh.

Submitted by Tracy Wood, Secretary