

MARIEMONT HIGH SCHOOL PTO

September 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

WELCOME – MHS PTO President Molly Stewart welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Yvonne Martin-Coyan moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Beth Flynn and the motion passed.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Katie Peters
Homecoming planning is taking place with theme to be Decades - 1950s through 1980s.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Paul Imhoff

- One to one computing is being implemented in the Elementary and Junior High schools as a pilot program.
- The redesign of the district website and social media project is beginning with plans to have implemented early 2012; suggestions are welcome.
- Facilities construction appears on target for the elementaries with the Junior High not ready until October 2012.
- The Board of Education is looking into selling Dale Park; a committee is being formed to ascertain options.
- The district is looking into Merit Pay/Strategic Compensation for employees.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Molly Stewart for Jean Marie Nelson

- There are 170 PTO members and it is not too late to join.

MARIEMONT ARTS ASSOCIATION – Joan Erhardt and Janis Dietz

- The organization was described and membership is open to all.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Renner

- The reduction to 2 counselors from 3 last year was discussed; Pam Tackett will work with 9th and 10th grades and Amanda Leszczuk will handle 11th and 12th graders, along with college planning.
- Thanks were expressed to parents for helping students decide whether to be placed in AP classes this year as there were fewer students dropping out of the classes at the beginning of the school year.
- Mrs. Halsall's situation was explained and her substitute was announced.
- The school is working to explain to students the ramifications of Internet postings and future employment.
- There was discussion regarding students bringing laptops to use at the high school; this is not mandatory.
- Some areas of the school are going to be re-purposed, as home ec has been removed from the curriculum.
- WRAP testing will take place next week.
- Four students are taking AP Chemistry at Indian Hill High School, with students from Indian Hill attending Mariemont High School next semester for AP classes in an effort to offer classes for college credit that are not available at the schools.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Judy Lehman

- Last year's budget and the budget for 2011/2012 were available for review.

- Income for the cash/check and Kroger cards is being budgeted at a higher amount with increased costs for Graduation and After Prom parties.
- Funding for teacher requests has been increased based on historic expenditures and is being included at \$6,300 for the year.
- A motion to approve the budget was made by Tammy Koreman and seconded by Jelina Huber.
- Money for Judy should be counted and a summary note enclosed; money should be sent to Judy or delivered directly to her, not left at her house.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLAN BOOKS – Tracy Wood

- Thanks to volunteers who helped sell plan books. There are additional plan books available for sale in the office and approximately 250 have been sold.

HOSPITALITY – Erika Hinebaugh and Leslie Pennell

- The teachers were furnished lunch from Potbelly with desserts and salads.
- Teacher treats will be furnished the second Wednesday of the month.
- There will be snacks and water available at the Open House.

BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE – Susan Malone and Tammy Koreman

- Thanks to their committee for working on the dance.

SPIRIT SHOP – Susan Malone

- New merchandise is available for sale with hours Friday 11am to 1pm on Fridays as well as at some sports games.

KROGER CARDS – Sandra Taylor

- There have been 40 cards sold this year; cost is \$1 each with 4% returned to the school.
- Sandra will deliver to those who wish to purchase a card.

CONSUMER SURVEYS – Molly Stewart for Jamie Keyes

- The first consumer survey will be Wednesday November 11th with multiple time slots available.

CAR CONTROL CLINIC – Nina Iredale

- There were 14 participants in the clinic that was held last night.
- An additional clinic will be held in the spring and Nina reminded students can typically get a discount on their insurance for completing the clinic.

DIRECTORY – Courtney Thiers

- These can still be ordered, with 220 ordered to date with pickup at the Open House on September 12th.

FLOWER FUNDRAISING – Mary Beth York

- Flowers can be ordered for Homecoming corsages and boutonnieres.
- Mary Beth would like to turn this project over to the students, as it is time consuming and could be combined with Homecoming ticket purchasing.

FALL SPIRIT SHIRT – Mary Beth York

- Fliers were sent out at the beginning of the year for orders and this is a one-time offer.

VISION AND HEARING – Roseann Hassey

- Volunteers are needed for screening which typically takes half a day.

WEB PAGE DEVELOPER – Beth Garrison

- Beth is working on updating the website; all information should be sent to Molly Stewart, which will then be forwarded to Beth.

SNACK BAR – Janis Dietz

- A few more volunteers are needed to help staff the snack bar for approximately 30 minutes at the end of the school day for 1 day per month.

NEW BUSINESS

- A senior video committee chair is still needed; call Molly if interested.
- The Parent-to-Parent Coalition needs two volunteers for 1 meeting per month; call Molly if interested.
- If desired, get well emails can be sent to Mary Halsall at her school email, but do not ask for her to respond so it is not too time consuming for her.
- Erika Hinebaugh is distributing the volunteer lists to the PTO committee chairs.

Dawn Harden made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Leslie Pennell.

Submitted by Tracy Wood, Secretary