MARIEMONT HIGH SCHOOL PTO
April 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes

WELCOME – MHS PTO President Erika Hinebaugh welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at 8:50 am.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Paul Imhoff

- Paul announced the district is has begun the search for a new superintendent for next year. More information will be forthcoming.
- After reviewing the results of the survey next year there will be more slots over more days for parent/teacher conferences.
- The task forces have completed the recommendations regarding the grading scale, expansion of cum laude courses to include the arts, high school credit hours awarded for classes taken in junior high and letter grades on the elementary report cards. The goal is to get the recommendations passed this year for implementation next year.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE – Allie Frey

- Allie reported a banner was prepared and signed for Wyoming High School for a teacher who passed away. Olive Garden is furnishing lunch for two classes that collected the most money for the Pennies for Pasta fundraiser. Student Council and class officer elections will take place in May. Spring Fling is being planned for May.

TEACHER'S REPORT – Debbie Keefe

- Debbie thanked PTO for all the meals and items received from the wish lists. Prom planning is underway with the event April 26th. AP tests will take place the first two weeks of May. MHS Recognition Day will be held May 28th, which is the last day of school for the seniors. Graduation and Baccalurate will be held June 9th.

GUIDANCE REPORT – Pam Tackett and Amanda Lesczuk

- Amanda thanked the PTO for furnishing gift bags for speakers.
- The plan is to separate the 9th and 10th grade information night by grade next year.
- Local scholarship applications are due next Friday.
- On April 9th the Juniors will work on resumes. The Application Workshop will be held August 20th and students must sign up with a packet including individual information, transcripts, etc. resulting at the end of the day.
- Students taking 9th grade biology are encouraged to sign up for the SAT subject exam for biology.
- On May 1st the school will have a College Signing day where students will have a breakfast and promote and celebrate the school they are attending. PTO will furnish breakfast for approximately 100 students and 150 parents.
- Noel Dixon reported that a survey is being sent in April to high school parents to determine college counseling priorities.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT – Kathy Ryan

- Kathy discussed proposed renovations to the upper library for the college center. Counselors and staff will be moved to this space from the main office.

Kathy went over the list of furniture that the district would like PTO to pay for, which totals $8,430. Patsy Kalshalk reviewed PTO expenses through year end and found Ladies Night made more money than was planned. After Prom will also be requesting additional funds. Roseann Hayes stated MJHS has some of the furniture that is being requested for the college center. There was discussion regarding the request for funding the furniture for the college center.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Renner

- Jim reported the course registration process has begun for next year and the schedules for next year are being formulated.
- Four MHS students attend Indian Hill High School for AP Chemistry and Indian Hill sends students to MHS for AP classes.
- The assistant principal search is ongoing with five candidates to interview. The target date to hire the assistant principal is by May 1st.
- There was discussion regarding the statewide criteria for classes and chorus and gym classes being assigned classwork.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patsy reported there is approximately $31,000 in the checking account. Last month an additional $500 PTO scholarship was added, bringing the total to four total scholarships at $500 each.

NEW BUSINESS – There was additional discussion regarding the request to pay for furniture for the new college center. Sandra Taylor made a motion for PTO to furnish up to $8,430 toward the purchase of furniture for the college center. Molly Stewart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A correction to the minutes was made to reflect the Teacher's Report for April. Nina Iredale moved to accept the April minutes, which was seconded by Jeri Gatch and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZATION REPORTS

FAB AFFAIR **–** Jelina Huber and Jeri Gatch with Mariemont Arts Association discussed the FAB Affair fundraiser on April 15th. There will be a Diamond Raffle, dinner by the bite, open bar, band, desserts, a live auction and valet parking. The event will be held at the Redmoor in Mt. Lookout, with the proceeds to benefit the Mariemont School Foundation, Mariemont Arts Association, and Boosters.

AFTER PROM – Laura Dolle and Suzi Ricketts

- The committee is looking for chaperones.

KROGER REWARDS – Sandra Taylor

- Participants must renew their membership in the program beginning May 1st. Sandra suggested purchasing gift cards at Krogers for high school graduation presents.

CONSUMER SURVEY – Dawn Harden

- There will be a consumer survey on Thursday May 9th from 2:45 pm to 4:45 pm with open slots available. In the fall the consumer survey made over $750.

SENIOR BOAT TRIP – Nina Iredale

- Invitations were sent out in the senior packets and the cost is $15 per person. The committee is looking for chaperones.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

- PTO is still looking for a Vice President for next year and there are a few committee chair positions to fill. Call Erika Hinebaugh or Roseann Hayes if you are interested.
- The PTO In/Out meeting will be held May 14th at 8:45 am at Erika Hinebaugh's house.

Molly Stewart made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dawn Harden.

Submitted by Tracy Wood, Secretary