MARIEMONT HIGH SCHOOL PTO
September 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes

WELCOME – MHS PTO President Erika Hinebaugh welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at 9:50 am.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Paul Imhoff

- The paper calendars have been discontinued due to budget constraints and so it can be more easily updated on the school website. The office should be contacted if parents would like the calendar printed and sent. The website is still under construction and Paul or Josephine would be open to any suggestions for content and/or improvements.
- The new/renovated schools will be dedicated to mark the end of construction on September 9th with the buildings open to the communities.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Allie Frey

- Allie reported on the Disney Pixar homecoming theme and float building process. Student council made goodie bags for new students at the beginning of the school year.

TEACHER REPORT – Debbie Keefe

- Debbie thanked the PTO for support and treats for the teachers. There was a review of the homecoming activities for float building, the parade and dance. She is still collecting PTO membership dues from the teachers.

COUNSELOR'S REPORT – Pam Tackett and Amanda Lesczcuk

- Approximately 50 students participated in a college application workshop prior to the beginning of school. There were 3 college admission representatives from Alabama, Xavier and Miami who assisted with the workshop.
- The Naviance Family Connection website which the Mariemont School Foundation obtained for the district to help in the college admission process for families was described. Information will be sent home regarding how to access the system. At the Open House Naviance will be demonstrated in C20.
- The Senior Parent night for college planning will be September 19th.
- Schedule changes must take place within the first month of school in order to remove from records.
- Pam discussed different ACT/SAT test preparation course for students. MHS will be the site of some courses in the winter with more information to be sent home to students and parents. Also there will be PSAT test preparation during lunches prior to the test in October.
- The school is working on a bullying seminar with Jim Biscenius to talk to the community November 12, 2012.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Dawn Harden moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Tammy Koreman and the motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Renner

- Jim reported that the one to one initiative was working well with 60 to 70 students renting computers and the rest of the student bringing their own computers. Jim described the Virtual Desktop system, Blackboard, and Moodle systems.
- The address for the high school is 1 Warrior Way with the Board of Education address 2 Warrior Way.
- The open house is September 24th at 7:00 pm.
- The Flex Credit system was described with signups for second semester.
- There are four new teachers in the high school.
- The lower level of the library has been renovated to become a user friendly space for the students to work together on projects.
- WRAP and ERB tests were described and will take place in September and October.

MARIEMONT ARTS ASSOCIATION – Jeri Gatch

- Jeri Gatch and Jelina Huber are co-presidents of MAA this year. MAA advocates for the arts as part of the school and extra-curricular activities at the high school and junior high school. There is a website and facebook page for information on activities. MAA funds teacher requests that are not covered under by the board of education. MAA includes art, theatre, music and chorus. They are looking for volunteers to work at the Kusel concession stand during sports games, which is its major fundraising activity along with FAB affair. VolunteerSpot has been set up to facilitate Kusel signups. There are different membership levels for MAA which are set forth on the website accessed through the high school.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patsy Kaschalk

- Patsy reviewed the PTO budget for the year. The back to school dance was cancelled and a Ladies Night was added for spring as a fundraiser. It is unknown how much money will be raised this year from Kroger and Spiritwear as the programs have both changed. If anyone needs checks or reimbursements call Patsy as she works and she will coordinate getting what is needed. Jelina Huber made a motion to accept the budget, which was seconded by Laura Gerberick and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLAN BOOKS – Andrea Brokamp

- Erika reported for the committee and said approximately 183 plan books have been sold with some plan books going to the junior high to be sold. There are additional plan books in the office for sale.

HOSPITALITY – Leslie Pennell

- Leslie outlined the functions of the hospitality committee, which includes providing treats for the teachers during early dismissal and on a monthly basis, and meals before conferences.

KROGER FUNDRAISING - Sandra Taylor

- Last May Kroger instituted a program whereby PTO members go on Kroger's website and enroll in a program and designate where the reward will go.

Kroger does not include fuel points in the reward program but gift cards are included. Sandra reported approximately $2,300 was received for a quarter, which is good considering $5,400 was collected for the last year of the old program. If there are any questions regarding this fundraiser, call Sandra.

FALL SPIRIT SHIRT – Mary Beth York

- The fall spirit shirt was re-designed with an Olympic theme in honor of Nick Thomas. A $1,569 profit was realized by the sales.

CAR CLINIC – Joy White

- Erika reported there will be a car control clinic at Mariemont in November and information will be sent home and posted on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

- The October PTO meeting will be held October 10th at 8:45 am.
- There was discussion regarding Homecoming Coordinators and the float building coordination process.
- If anyone needs to post information on the PTO website it should forwarded to Erika, who will pass it on to Beth Garrison.

Dawn Harden made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Tammy Koreman.

Submitted by Tracy Wood, Secretary