MARIEMONT HIGH SCHOOL PTO
February 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

WELCOME – MHS PTO President Erika Hinebaugh welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at 8:45 am.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Paul Imhoff

- Paul welcomed Kathy Ryan, the interim Assistant Principal at MHS.
- The state of Ohio is working on a new system of school funding with details being created; more will be discussed, as details are available.
- There is a lawsuit against the district for discrimination; details cannot be discussed due to pending litigation.
- Task forces are being launched next week to look at elementary school grading scales, high school credit for junior high school classes, the process to determine valedictorian and salutatorian, and grading scale for grades 7 through 12. Also being determined is how and when to implement any changes.

GUIDANCE REPORT – Pam Tackett and Amanda Lesczuk

- Amanda thanked the PTO for teacher in-service treats.
- On February 25th the 8th grade parent night and open house will take place from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
- There will be an ACT prep class at MHS for 5-weeks beginning February 23rd in C20. Information will be sent home with report cards.
- There will be a seminar on the quality of campus life with Pam Tackett and Ed Green on February 7th in the upper library; parents are welcome. Amanda and Pam will be meeting with students on ways to increase the quality of the high school experience.
- There will be a meeting for parents of juniors on February 7th in C20 and Amanda is meeting with juniors to discuss college planning on an individual basis.
- The college application workshop will take place August 20th from 9 am to 1 pm.
- AP bulletins were sent to parents of students in AP classes with information regarding test signups. The tests cost $89 per student per test with a $13 fee if the test isn't used.
- Local scholarship information for seniors will be available in March.
- Recommendations for classes for next year will be send home to parents, who must sign the form and return to counselors.

GUEST PRESENTATION/FUNDRAISING – Kari Swanson-England and Jeff England

- The guest speakers described the MyClyns PRO products to be sold as a potential fundraiser by MHS. The products were described as anti-bacterial and a way to help reduce the spread of infections in the schools and community. PTO would be responsible for selling the products, such as laundry detergent and/or hand sanitizer with 30% profit to the group. After discussion, it was decided PTO would need someone to chair a committee and this will be revisited next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patsy Kaschalk

- As of January 31, 2013 there was $26,406 in the PTO account.
- Patsy requested members use the new form online for expense and reimbursements due to possible audits in the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A correction to the minutes from January is needed to reflect over 100 people are participating in the Kroger program. Laura Dolle moved to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Patsy Kaschalk and the motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Jim Renner

- The Blackboard parent portal is operable with assignments and a link to progress book on the system. Passwords were mailed home in the first quarter and are also on the Easy Pay page.
- An architect is working on plans to convert space in the upper library to the new career center, which will be built over the summer and finished by August when school starts.
- The district has begun the search for an assistant principal, who will be hired for next school year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KROGERS – Sandra Taylor

- Krogers has announced it will be increasing the amount of money of this program to $4 million next year. Signups take place in April, and existing memberships must be renewed. A chairperson for this committee is needed for next year; contact Sandra for details.

LADIES NIGHT – Molly Stewart

- The first annual MHS PTO Ladies Night will be held Thursday March 7th with light appetizers, raffles, a fashion show and boutique shopping. J & S Gold will be at the event to buy unwanted gold and jewelry. The event will be at the Jr. League building at the northeast corner of Columbia Parkway and Delta Avenue from 7 pm to 10 pm. Tickets are $30 and invitations will be emailed.

AFTER PROM – Laura Dolle and Suzi Ricketts

- This is an event that takes place after the Prom in April. The committee is looking for donations and chaperones, with more information to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jim Renner submitted and reviewed teacher requests for a total of $5,050.69. Sandra Taylor made a motion to fund the teacher requests, which was seconded by Patsy Kaschalk, voted on and passed.
- Erika requested anyone interested in a PTO position for next year should contact her.

Suzi Ricketts made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Laura Dolle.

Submitted by Tracy Wood, Secretary