

MHS PTSA General Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2023

PTSA President – Ann Edmondson

Call meeting to order at 7:03pm

NC PTA Membership Dues for 2023-2024

Open discussion about changing the Membership Fee. Students can join the PTA for \$5. The current fee would cause the NCPTA to lose money at \$5 fee. When you pay \$10, \$4 goes to NCPTA and the extra \$6 goes to fundraising. The new price increase will cost PTA's money. Some concern from PTSA member about it not allowing people to join or help. Majority of PTSA members agreed but this is something happening TO PTA and we are being reactive.

Sarah O'Connor made a motion to increase the basic membership from \$10 to \$12, and the student membership fee from \$5 to \$7 and was seconded by Shawn Jackson.

Elections of Officers for 2023-2024 – (Term July 1 2023- June 30, 2024)

President – Jodi Bulmer

Treasurer – Amy Cagle

Secretary – Kathy Parzygnat

VP of Fundraising – Shawn Jackson

VP of Staff and Student Events – Julie Karg

No nominations from the floor. There was a quorum of over 20 PTSA members and the Elections for the Slate of Officers was approved. Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Officers!

Treasurer's Report – Amy Cagle

Amy Cagle held a vote to create a budget line in the restricted funds budget line for Sherilyn Adams Memorial Scholarship to change budget to create scholarship. Voted in unanimously.

Administrative Reports

Principal Updates - Dr. Brian Saunders

- Approaching 150 students to take classes at WTCC. This allows kids to take college classes for free.
- NHS rolls out May 11 and 12, Induction is May 17. Unmarked envelopes will be issues to all students that applied. This will allow more discretion.
- Hiring season has gone well. Was able to jump into that in March and got transfer candidates that were top notch candidates. Four new candidates are African American to help diversity the staff. Will probably land around 150 magnet kids. (Up from 125 magnet kids) Looking to fill all available empty slots.
- English 2, Math 3 and Biology – Hoping to increase school report card. MHS is currently a B school and hoping to stay that way and move to an A school. That will take some time to get there due to some ways that the State has set things.
- Summer Courses – 6 synchronous courses at Enloe. NC Virtual Public School will hold Asynchronous Classes. As a reminder, synchronous classes you must attend in person but asynchronous classes you sign on and do the course work when convenient for you. Dr. Saunders would love to host the summer courses, like Enloe does, at some point. These courses are first time credit courses – not because of students that failed and need to earn the credit. Kids need these classes to graduate but the courses aren't being offered at the High School.

- Dana King Day of Service was a decent turnout. More kids than adults were attendance. Some sight blocking bushes were removed. All the grass growing in cracks were weeded and removed.
- Recognized Gina Smith at the Teacher of the Year Banquet.

Secretary's Report – Kathy Parzygnat

Motion was made by Dawn Bartholomew to pass the April 2023 PTSA General Meeting Minutes and seconded by Warren Holman.

Officer & Committee Reports (as needed)

VP Fundraising – Morgan Blue

- May 25 – Two Roosters in Greystone Village Spirit Day, all day.
- \$450 from Harris Teeter with linking VIC cards; Passive Fundraising

Membership/Swag Distribution – Karen Noon & Wendy Davis

- Will raffle off extra swag. Teacher Appreciation raffles were suggested as well.

WIN/Family Adoption – Marla Myers, Shawn Jackson

- Had emergency family meeting to help keep a family's power on.
- Also were able to help a student get transportation for their urine testing.

VP Outreach – Jocelyn McGuinness-Hickey

Advocacy Updates given by Jocelyn McGuinness-Hickey

- Jocelyn McGuinness-Hickey has stepped down at the Chair for the BAC meetings. The new chair is T. McDowell. She has served as secretary for the council for years. Vice Chair is Michelle Tomlinson and the Secretary is Melanie Motterham

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Barbara Burgess

- School Board passed a new Equity Policy. Rep, Dr. Chavis, came and talked about the Equity policy and where they are at implementing it. They are in beginning phase and will do more roll outs next year and the following year.
- Disappointed that MHS wasn't able to do more with DEI this year and wants to brainstorm with people to launch next year.
- Mrs. Demeny - International Festival was a success. Set up booths and games, flags, kids groups were involved. Would like to make it more a community event next year and not just an internal event. Several clubs took advantage of the club grants!

Hospitality/Staff Appreciation – Sarah O'Connor

- Lunch was provided to Dr. Saunders for Principal Appreciation Day.
- Breakfast will be provided to the Lunch Ladies this Friday for School Lunch Hero Appreciation Day.
- Lunches for Assistant Principal Appreciation Day was provided last week.

Teacher Appreciation Week:

5/8: Stock the Lounge

5/9: (early Dismiss) Ice Cream

5/10: Raffle Winners

5/11: Gas Cards (81 so far)

5/12: Cookies and Coffee (They will delivery raffle winner bags on Friday!)

Educator Grants – Jennifer Mulrooney

- All grants are in and the link has been closed

Academic Celebration – Shawn Jackson

- 840 students qualified unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher. Short on donations for snacks and supplemented that. Sue Reynolds did record the celebration and is editing that video and will get that out soon.

Dr. Saunders provided some feedback from the Cafeteria Ladies: Freshmen and Sophomores did not pick up after themselves and the Cafeteria Staff did comment on that. Juniors and Seniors did a great job.

IB Learner Trait Recognition

- Needed to be rescheduled and will happen Friday, May 5

Other Business:

- Dr. Saunders wants to revisit the attendance policy that will help with exam exemptions. No more than 10 excused/unexcused absent and a B average and the student can be excused from teacher made exams. Was a Senior perk – but wanting to expand to Freshmen, Sophomore and Juniors.
- Gina Smith asked about dates for the End of Year Teacher Luncheon. She needs to provide an invitation to the retiring teachers family. She requested a hot, buffet style type of luncheon for the End of Year luncheon.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. Saunders will let Ann Edmondson know when the Calendar Meeting date will be.

ACTION ITEM: End of Year Teacher Meal - Friday, June 2. Amy Fulk and Sarah O'Connor said that date will work. They will let Gina Smith know if it will be a brunch or lunch.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm