

Mt. Hebron High School PTSA Minutes

May 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Laura Munns at 7 pm.

In attendance:

Raymond Chow, Lisa Mazzuca, Dan Phatak, Wanda Nieves, Lisa Solomon, Cindy Anderson, Christine Daugherty, Trisha Heath, Deb Baisel, Veronica Hall, Darcy Bellido de Luna, Dana Hemelt, Linda Dombrowski, Matthew Murphy, Nhung Tran, Caroline Bodziak, Terry Purnell, Melissa Barrett, Carol Curley, Marisa Berry, Ginger Segala, Laura Munns, Erica Byrne

Welcome and Introductions:

Laura Munns

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Marisa Berry, seconded by Veronica Hall to approve the April, 2015 minutes with corrections.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

Vote on Slate for Executive Board for 2015-2016: Caroline Bodziak

President: Laura Munns

1st Vice President: Dana Hemelt

2nd Vice President: Cindy Anderson

Secretary: Lisa Mazzuca

Recording Secretary: Erica Byrne

PTAC Representatives: Ginger Segala, Dan Phatak

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

MOTION made by Linda Dombrowski, seconded by Terry Purnell to approve the Slate for Executive Board for 2015-2016.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

President's Report: Laura Munns

- We are wrapping up a very successful year – including the Suicide Prevention Awareness Night, Ocean City Senior Week Safety (held at MTH), Advocacy, After-Prom Success and much more.
- It is anticipated that a June PTSA meeting will not be needed.
- We received an invitation from Centennial High School, to a presentation on 6/2 about attending college.
- We received a check for \$25 from the Wells Fargo Community Support.
- There are many parents of graduating seniors to recognize: Shirley Sgouros, Nancy Smith, Matt Murphy (SGA), Christine Timms, Wanda Nieves, Monica Michovic, Raymond Chow, Angie Ballard-Landers, Linda Dombrowski. Thank you for all of your hard work for the PTSA.

Treasurer’s Report: Veronica Hall

- The financials were handed out. The Operating Budget shows a surplus at the end of the year. The After Prom Budget is a preliminary report, which is current as of today. The Viking Backers really stepped up, and this was greatly appreciated. The fundraisers did well this year.

MOTION made by Cindy Anderson, seconded by Christine Daugherty to approve the Financial Statements as written.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

Principal’s Report: Mr. Williams

- Mr. Ruehl was thrilled that almost 500 students attended After Prom. The staff, administration and students thank the PTSA for their time and effort for After Prom.
- Graduation Gowns are being sent home – everyone is wearing Gold this year.

Committee Reports:

SGA Liaison: Matt Murphy

- Thank you from the teachers and staff for Staff Appreciation.
- The SGA is still selling Hebron for Hope shirts at upcoming games.
- SGA elections are coming up – and there are a total of 33 candidates for the positions.

Banners: Ginger Segala

- We sold less than budgeted, but made more profit. We budgeted to sell 90, and sold 50. It was a lot of work to hang the banners, so need to decide if we would do the sale again.
- The banners will be sent home with Seniors during the week of graduation practice.

After Prom: Linda Dombrowski

- It was an amazing night. There were lots of sub-committees, and everyone worked hard to have a successful night.
- 492 tickers were sold (150 the last day), and all but 20 of the students who purchased tickets showed up at After Prom.
- There were 47 non-MTH students, and 200 students left by 3 am. No one is permitted to re-enter after they leave, but it is not a lock-in.
- Hospitality: Still working on final numbers; spent under the budget by \$900; students loved the food; the leftover food went to staff, the Staff luncheon, and the ice cream went to Grassroots.
- YMCA / Entertainment: (Terry Purnell, Caroline Bodziak): Everything went well; the only glitch was when all of the lights went out in the entire building for about one minute; the Pit Boss for Talk of the Town couldn't be there, and Darcy stepped in to fill the role; we had to be out of the Y by 6 am, and with so much help, we were out by 5:30 am.
- Volunteers (Dana Hemelt, Laura Munns): There were lots of volunteers (almost too many, the students leaving early); it was especially hard for the volunteers who came in at 2 am.
- Prizes (Linda Dombrowski): We gave away \$4500 in equipment (including a TV, iPad, etc) and had an increase in gift cards. Several names were drawn for students who had left, so they moved on to the next name.

Scholarship: Linda Dombrowski

- Decisions have been made, and the students will be told soon.

HC Drug Free:

- The Ocean City Senior Week Safety Night was successful – with about 300 attendees. Hopefully we can hold it at MTH again.

Baccalaureate: Lisa Mazzuca

- It will be held on 5/17, and most of the arrangements are finalized.
- We will use leftover water from After Prom.
- It will be held at 6 pm, and will last no more than an hour, at the Presbyterian Church.
- The program still needs to be completed.
- Senior parents will receive a mailing with details.

PTA Council: Ginger Segala

- The Budget Report – the County Executive has committed to making up the \$3 million shortfall from the expected decrease in revenue from the State. Everyone should write a letter to the County Council, requesting that the \$3 million be included as a Maintenance of Effort – so the funding is ongoing.
- On 5/12 there is a County Council Public Hearing on the operating and capital budgets. We need to send letters to the County Council for the capital budget projects if we want to stay in schedule.
- Scholarship – there were 93 applications from 11 schools. Paula Henry still runs this for PTAC, even though she no longer has kids in the school system.
- Membership – down Nationally. HCPSS is down as well (from 26,000 to 22,000).
- At the May 20 meeting, the Board will receive an updated report on the Wellness Policy.
- The Slate of PTAC Officers was announced – it is listed on the website.
- June 19 is the last day of this school year.
- There will be changes to the calendar for next school year. It will be altered from the one that was published, since the Election dates were changed.

Hospitality: Marisa Berry

- We gave money to Homewood School since they do not have a PTSA; we provided a gift card to Safeway for \$200.
- The Staff Luncheon will be held on 6/18 (only possible date) at 12:30 pm. It will likely include BBQ from Canopy and wraps from Wegman's. Since we still have money in the budget, we will only request a small number of parent donations.

New Business: Laura Munns

- We need to vote to allow the Treasurer to write checks prior to the budget being approved in September.

MOTION made by Marisa Berry, seconded by Caroline Bodziak to allow the Treasurer to write checks over the summer, prior to the budget being approved in September.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed. MOTION PASSED.

Announcements:

- There will be a STEM Fair, from grades kindergarten through college, held at HCC on 6/7.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Erica Byrne, PTSA Recording Secretary.