

## **Mt. Hebron High School PTSA Minutes**

November 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Anderson at 7 pm.

### **In attendance:**

Cindy Anderson, Christine Daugherty, Erik Vaughan, Veronica Hall, Adrienne Brown, Moazzam Altal, Mary Pearce, Karen Mason, Beth Risinger, Dan Phatak, Debbie Baisel, Adele DeLibera, Erica Byrne

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Introductions of everyone in attendance at the meeting.

### **Approval of the October, 2015 Minutes:**

MOTION made by Christine Daugherty, seconded by Veronica Hall to approve the October, 2015 Minutes as written.

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

### **President's Report:** Cindy Anderson for Laura Munns

- None

### **Treasurer's Report:** Veronica Hall

- The Financial Statements were handed out and reviewed.
- Highlights include: \$375 deposited in the After Prom account, which is a grant from the HoCo Government. Yesterday we received a check for \$250 from Glory Days for an After Prom Sponsorship. In the General Operating Account, there are 688 members as of today, and all of the money is deposited. \$2490 was paid for State and National dues.
- All of the forms were filed by 10/31, with the audit, that needed to be filed by 12/31.
- There were no questions about the budget.

### **Principal's Report:** Ms. Mason for Mr. Cockley

- Canvas and Synergy Update – Grades are up to date when parents look in Canvas. There are some ongoing glitches so please encourage good communication between everyone. Report cards go home on November 9.

- National Honor Society – Over 100 students were inducted on October 26. It is a very strong class of inductees.
- Fall Sports – there is a lot going on. Please check the school website for updates.
- Fall Play – Godspell will be performed on November 11, 12, 13 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10.
- Band Competition – There was a strong showing at the Hagerstown Parade, including several first place awards.
- Community Support during Homecoming – outstanding! Everyone had a great time at the many events including the parade, pancake breakfast, spirit days, wall painting, and much more.
- Parent Conferences – November 23, 24, 25. Conference times will open on November 12. Interpreter services are available.
- Canned Food Drive – starts soon!
- After School Support Programs – Beginning after midterms. Help for HSA's and PARCC, tutoring in core content areas. Bus transportation will be provided on a limited route basis. There will be a Google Doc sign up for seats.

### **Committee Reports:**

**SGA Liaison:** Erik Vaughan

- Spirit Days and Homecoming went well.
- The Canned Food Drive runs from 11/16-12/21, with delivery on 12/23. This is the 41<sup>st</sup> year of the Canned Food Drive, and the goal is to collect over 50,000 cans.
- Sophomore Libby Milano is reporting to the BOE tomorrow.

**Membership:** none

**Staff Appreciation:** Deb Baisel

- In October, the Special Ed Department was recognized. Each of the 35 staff received a good bag, with an encouraging saying.
- In October, there will be a Tissue Box drive. At Conference time, there will be a collection box in the lobby.

**Hospitality:** none

**PTA Council:** Dan Phatak

- School start and end times were discussed.
- The BOE reported that they received approval for a new Elementary School.

- There was a lengthy discussion about Mold Remediation. Among other topics, a timeline was created since 2008, and it appears possible that parents were not properly informed. Several children are suffering with allergic reactions, etc. The HCPSS hired a firm to examine the air quality in some schools, and the report concluded that things are not as bad as some parents are expressing. \$3 million was spent to replace the HVAC system at Glenwood Middle School. All of the schools with mold are listed on the HCPSS website, and MTH is not on the list.

**After Prom:** Christine Daugherty

- All vacancies are filled except for Volunteer Coordinator. All of the information is compiled from last year, but it needs to be managed.
- We will need lots of volunteers on prom night.
- Several PTSA members met with the SGA, who were very helpful in giving ideas about prizes (more gift cards, gas / car bundles, iPad, Einstein, DD, gaming systems, etc).
- The Committee has approval from the PTSA, and will also seek approval from Mr. Cockley – to put up a gift card request tree at conferences, to get gift card donations from parents.
- The Glory Days fundraiser is ongoing. Send in your receipts!
- Entertainment (Sarah Bates) – we have the contract with the same company, because they are giving the best deal.

**Other:** none

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Cindy Anderson

- Term Limits: Both the President and Treasurer positions under our current bylaws have a two year term limit. No other Executive Board position has any limitation on how long the person can serve. Both Veronica and Laura will need to step down after this year. A Nomination Committee will be set in February, 2016, and we will start recruiting then because both positions are crucial, and difficult to fill.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm. Submitted by Erica Byrne, PTSA Recording Secretary.