

Mt. Hebron High School PTSA Minutes

April 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Laura Munns at 7:00 pm.

In attendance:

Dana Hemelt, Laura Munns, Veronica Hall, Ron Godsey, Erin Lanthier, Nhung Tran, Amal Allali, Darcy Bellido de Luna, Deb Baisel, Beth Risinger, Adrienne Brown, Mary Pearce, Emily Rice, Ginger Segala, Christine Daugherty, Caroline Bodziak, Dan Phatak, Lisa Solomon

Welcome and Introductions:

Introductions of everyone in attendance at the meeting.

President's Report: Laura Munns

- Primary Elections – it is important to vote for Board of Education candidates. PTA's are not allowed to endorse anyone for public office.
- 4/30- Howard County Take Back Drug Day
- If you haven't seen an email to the community in the next week reminding you to vote, please remind me to send one!
- Housing Developments: there is an increase in our neighborhoods. The area behind Pottery Stop would be zones for SJLES / Patapsco / Mt. Hebron. The developer wants high density zoning for 120 townhomes. By Harbin Farms, they want zoning for 360 units, for over 55 community; there is a strong community effort to stop this rezoning. The County policy waives the restrictions after four years, with no concern for school overcrowding.
- The feasibility study that is due out in June may include information about new construction as it affects future redistricting.
- Save the Date: Homecoming will be on 10/22/16.
- PTAC email informs of a survey for parents of students in advanced classes. They are looking for a variety of parents / schools to participate. Here is the survey link: <http://goo.gl/forms/vsXPyKUu21>
- Dr. Foose invited PTSA presidents to meet with the author of "Strength Based Parenting", Mary Reckmeyer.

MOTION made to approve the March, 2016 Minutes, as written.

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

Treasurer's Report: Veronica Hall

- Both sets of financials were handed out.
- \$21,899 deposited from the mulch sale, so we are \$4799 over budget.
- Not many expenses.
- Revenue: parent donations are cash donations. Gift card donations are separate.
- Sponsorship: \$3000 budget, and we have \$1000 with another \$500 coming.
- Membership Drive is over. 721 members.
- SAT Prep: encourage juniors to take it. The PTSA gets money from Academic Coaches.

MOTION made to approve the General Operating and After Prom Financials, as written.

Motion made by Mary Pearce, seconded by Christine Daugherty.

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

Committee Reports:

SGA Liaison: Dana Hemelt for Erik Vaughan

- The Blood Drive was successful, with 50-60 donors.
- SGA elections will be held in early May.

Mulch Sale: Darcy Bellido de Luna

- We are on our third mulch supplier, but their price is better and we have sold 1000 more bags than usual. We are looking at \$10,000 in sales instead of the usual \$6000.

After Prom: Christine Daugherty and Caroline Bodziak

- A student won the logo design contest; there were many great entries.
- One Hebron family donated all of the gift cards we will use as prizes.
- Donation letters were sent to all Hebron families.
- We will talk to Mr. Cockley about sending a letter to parents – stressing no parties, and encouraging them to send students to After Prom.
- The Volunteer Sign Up will be live next week.
- Everything is moving along smoothly.
- Ticket sales will run from 4/21 – 4/29 at lunches.
- There will be lots of email blasts.

Senior Banners: Karen Chanmugam

- The deadline was extended from 4/8 to 4/15.

Nominating Committee: Dana Hemelt for Erica Byrne

- The slate of filled positions was shared. Still need more people to step up to fill positions.
- Descriptions of the positions are in the by-laws.

Scholarships:

- The deadline to apply is April 16.

Directory: Laura Munns

- Laura is attending a meeting on 4/13 to find out what we do in terms of sending out the directory. It probably won't happen this year.

Old Business: Laura Munns

- Diversity Awareness: spoke about getting John Krownapple to talk. He emailed Laura back, and said he is not interested in coming to talk to us per se, but wanted to create a community voice circle, with 4 sessions of 3 hours each. We need to decide what we are looking for.

New Business:

- Crumb Rubber Turf: there was an email sent from a Howard County parent, with concerns about this turf (we have it on the new field at Mt. Hebron), outlining the dangers of crumb rubber and asking us to consider posting a sign at the fields with recommended precautions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Minutes recorded by Dana Hemelt.

Submitted by Erica Byrne, PTSA Recording Secretary.