

**MHS PTO
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2008**

Present: J. Wood, P. Arntzen, H. Magliozzi, K. Kerr, M. McCarthy, A. Hill

Topics of Discussion:

Follow-up from 01/09/08 Meeting Minutes:

Got Books Fundraiser:

- Contract has been signed by A. Dulong.
- M. McCarthy will send contract out and arrange for delivery of container.

Action Item: M. McCarthy will talk with A. Dulong about assigning someone to notify the company when the bin is full. Once container is delivered, H. Magliozzi will send out a notice to the MHS email distribution list.

John Lent's Last Day:

- MHS PTO received many food donations for the reception following the all school assembly for John Lent's last day.
- Received \$47 in monetary donations as well. This was used towards the purchase of refreshments for 2/7/08 reception prior to the school committee meeting.
- M. McCarthy circulated a thank-you note from John Lent to the MHS PTO.

Parent Group Meeting:

- M. McCarthy met with the chairs of the MFM, Friends of WAVM and the Booster Club to discuss fundraising and how to combine efforts.
- Decision was made to host "Kids Nite Out" on a regular basis. The proceeds would be earmarked for a particular group each time the event was held initially, i.e. MFM, Students in Government, Spanish Club, Booster Club, etc.
- The designated group would be responsible for committing the resources – parents and students to work at the event.
- A "core group" of people will always be involved in the planning so that the event runs the same way every time. However, the activities planned for the evening may vary from event to event.
- The eventual goal is to divide the proceeds between all groups that participate. The group is still discussing how to do this. In the meantime, the group agreed to offer the proceeds of the February 14th "Kids Nite Out" to Beauty & the Beast.

New Business:

Treasurer Report:

- P. Arntzen reported that the MHS PTO currently has \$1425.03 on account.

- The group discussed how to most appropriately use the funds in the account besides funding the Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon.
- Several ideas were discussed including asking A. Dulong to generate a wish list of "capital" expenses that fall outside of the school budget. The purpose would be to purchase something "lasting", i.e. sign at the top of the driveway vs. funding a field trip.
- The group will continue to discuss at the next meeting.

8th Grade Parents Night:

- MHS PTO discussed the need to have a presence at the 8th Grade Parents Night, which is scheduled for the end of the month.

Action Item: M. McCarthy will talk to A. Dulong about getting on the agenda.

Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon:

- Teacher's appreciation luncheon is scheduled for 5/9/08, as this is the only "true" half-day left this year.
- Fowler and Green Meadow are also planning their luncheons for the same day and we will coordinate food orders with them as we did last year.

New Principal:

- A new principal has been hired for the HS – Laura Chesson.
- Ms. Chesson will officially begin in July but plans to be active in the school immediately.

Action Item: M. McCarthy will forward L. Chesson's email address to H. Magliozzi to add her to the email distribution list.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 13th, 2008. Since this is the date of the next MHS PTO meeting, the meeting will be re-scheduled for March 20th, 2008.

Meeting Schedule:

- March 20th, 2008*
- April 10th, 2008
- May 8th, 2008
- June 12th, 2008

*change due to Parent/Teacher Conferences

Agenda Item for March 20th, 2008: Picture contract

Submitted by: Helen Magliozzi