

MHS PTO
Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2008

Present: P. Arntzen, K. Kerr, M. McCarthy, M. Gately and J. MacGillvary

Topics of Discussion:

Got Books Fundraiser:

The Container for the "Got Books" collection has been delivered. It is in the High School parking lot next to the Community Chest paper collection bin.

Meet the Candidates:

- M. McCarthy has been approached to see if the PTO would be interested in sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" night for the upcoming School Committee election. It was suggested that all three PTO's be involved. This is something that would have to take place fairly quickly as the election is soon. At a minimum, the School Committee members and candidates could attend a PTO meeting.

Action Item: M. McCarthy will follow up with other PTO's.

New Business:

- The School Budget is available for viewing online at the school's website. The budgets from 2002 thru 2009 are available and are very detailed. If there are specific questions regarding the budget, they can be submitted to: budgetquestions@maynard.k12.ma.us.
- At the request of the PTO and Mr. Dulong, several teachers have submitted requests for expenses to support classroom items that fall outside the school budget. While the High School PTO would like to grant each and every request, that just is not possible at this time. It was discussed that instead of just choosing one or two requests, that more than one may be partially funded. It was also discussed that we would try to grant requests that would reach a large portion of the school population. We would like to have the teachers present their proposals in a five or ten minute presentation to a group of parents. The most convenient time for the teachers would probably be after the luncheon on May 9 and before their group sessions begin. Mr. Dulong felt that removing a few teachers from the meetings for a short period of time would not be that disruptive. The PTO would like to know if there are some parents who would be willing to come to the High School Cafeteria at approximately 12:30 pm to hear the presentations and to then vote on which proposals we could fund. If you are able to come, please call MaryEllen McCarthy at 978-897-4979 or email her at mccarthy.clan@verizon.net
- It was decided to buy an advertisement in this year's High School Yearbook.
- It is finally Spring and time for planting! Since the PTO already has the planting containers, the flowers and the upkeep would be our only expense.

Action Item: M. McCarthy will follow up with N. Marshall and J. Wood as they were the leads on this last year.

Treasurer Report:

- P. Artzen reported that the MHS PTO currently has \$1482 on account.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon:

- The High School Staff Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, May 9. A subcommittee has been meeting. We will have the luncheon in the Cafeteria again this year. We will be asking donations of money or desserts, salads and water in the days to come. We will be asking for these donations to be dropped off in the High School Cafeteria before school begins on May 9. More information will follow. The staff is really looking forward to this “treat.”

Kids Night Out:

- The last Kid’s Night Out was held on March 23. It was a great success. We are in the process of trying to squeeze one more night before school ends. The Youth Government Group is very interested in hosting this fundraiser.

Action Item: M. McCarthy will check availability and cost for scheduling an event on a Saturday evening.

Meeting Schedule:

- May 8th, 2008
- June 12th, 2008

Submitted by: Karyl Kerr