

MHS PTO MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2009

Present: P. Arntzen, J. Hickey, A. Aguirre, H. Magliozzi, K. Kerr, M. McCarthy, B. Howell, K. Kiley, K. Terranova

Undergraduate Awards

- Mrs. Chesson briefly discussed the issue with underclassmen award day not being announced to parents. Intent was to keep the awards low key since students had finals directly after assembly. Next year awards will be changed to occur the day before finals.
- Award recipients are going to be posted on Ed-line and were in the Beacon Villager this week.

Flyers on Cars at Graduation

- Several members of the PTO felt that flyers being left on the cars for fundraising purposes during graduation was inappropriate. Several people have expressed their concerns to Mrs. Chesson.

Teacher Grants

- Special Education Department has requested kitchen supplies for students in vocational life program. Approximate cost with shipping and handling \$250.
- English Department has requested several copies of different young adult literature for English classes. Approximate cost \$350 including shipping and handling.
- Art Department has requested DVD's and books to support 4 new classes that will be offered in the fall. Approximate cost \$558.
- PTO discussed grant requests and approved all of the above requests.
- If funding from "Got Books" continues at the present level, grants may be entertained from other school groups, i.e. Spanish club, Youth and Government

Action Item: M. McCarthy will contact Mrs. Chesson to inform her of the PTO's decision.

Fundraising for Next Year

- PTO plans to continue with the "Got Books" bin, which has been a successful way to raise funds. Members discussed ways to advertise bins, i.e. Action Unlimited, Fowler Energy Fair
- Kids Nite Out – based on discuss at previous fundraising meeting, the group has agreed to continue with Kids Nite Out fundraiser. Plan is to hold approximately twice a year based on the existing calendar and groups stepping forward to participate.

Treasurer's Report

- After paying out Teacher Grants and completing payments for flowers and shrubs around the sign and at the school, the PTO will carry forward a balance of approximately \$400.

Parental Involvement

- PTO needs to increase parent participation at meetings. Several ideas were discussed including handing out an informational flyer on all groups at the high school (MFM, Friends of WAVM, PTO, Booster Club) at curriculum night in September. Flyer could contain contact information if parents would like to be added to email lists. Also need to be a presence at the Parents Night for 8th graders next year.

Watering Schedule:

- Now that the plantings are done around the sign, and the flowers pots are full, volunteers are needed to water them throughout the summer.

Action Item: Anyone who would like to volunteer should contact Julie Wood at julieawood@hotmail.com.

Meeting Schedule for 2009-2010 School Year

- Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the MHS library.
- Meeting dates:

9/10/09	1/14/10	5/13/10
10/08/09	2/11/10	6/10/10
11/12/09	3/11/10	
12/10/09	4/8/10	

Respectfully Submitted,
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