

MHS PTO
Meeting Minutes
May 8th, 2008

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

Topics of Discussion:

- Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2008 accepted with no changes.

New Business:

- **Kids Nite Out** – The next Kids Nite Out will be held in the fall. It is too difficult to schedule another night before the end of the school year due to all of the school activities that occur in May and June.
- **Teacher's Proposals for Funding** – Teachers will present their proposals after the Staff Luncheon on May 9th. A. Dulong has arranged a schedule. M. McCarthy reviewed the 8 proposals during the meeting and members identified specific questions that they felt should be asked at the presentations. M. McCarthy, J. Wood and A. Hill agreed to hear the teachers' proposals after the luncheon. Group agreed to allocate \$1000 towards these proposals and the decision regarding who will receive these funds will be decided at the next PTO meeting. The group discussed how to monitor the use of the funds to make sure the money is spent on the items discussed in the proposals. Suggestions were made to monitor similar to the Community Policing Funds – purchase is made by teacher and receipt submitted to MHS PTO for payment as opposed to the MHS PTO providing the money up front.
Action Item: A process will need to be discussed and decided at the next meeting so this information can be provided to the fund recipients.
- **Yearbook Advertisement** – the group agreed to sponsor a ¼ page advertisement in the MHS yearbook.
Action Item: M. McCarthy will follow-up with B. Sullivan.
- **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** – the luncheon is scheduled for May 9th. Everything is all set to go and plenty of people have volunteered to donate food and beverages as well as helping to set-up and clean up.
- **Spring Plantings** – J. Wood reported that the planters from last year are in good shape and can be used again this year. J. Wood and N. Marshall will do plantings over the next two weeks and will also try to spruce up around the sign at the entrance. MHS PTO has agreed to allocate a minimum of \$50 to cover the cost of the plants. MHS PTO would have liked to do more long-range planning for

plantings but does not make sense at this time due to uncertainty of the school building situation.

Action Item: J. Wood will check with the Connections class to see if they can be responsible for watering the flowers for the remainder of the school year.

- **School Sign** – M. McCarthy has been investigating the cost of a new sign at the top of the driveway. She is still getting quotes but estimates are \$4000 - \$5000. There are many things to consider including:
 - Combine sign to include Fowler School as no signage anywhere on the road to indicate Fowler school
 - Needs to be designed so it can be changed easily due to uncertainty of the school building situation

Funding was discussed and there may be some money available through the Community Policing Fund, money from graduating classes that was designated for a school gift and never used. Other options for funding will be explored, i.e. donations, etc.

Treasurer Report:

- P. Artnzen reported that the MHS PTO currently has \$1270.83 on account. Some donations were received for the staff luncheon and there is one outstanding cost for the luncheon that is not included in this balance. With allocation of \$1000 to teachers proposals, \$50 to flowers and the yearbook ad, this should leave the account at approx. \$150.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the MHS library.

Submitted by H. Magliozzi.