

Meeting Minutes

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MJHS PTSA General Body Meeting

January 28, 2019

Media Center

Call to Order: 6:09pm

Welcome by Mo and invitation to enjoy pizza.

Mo states we need to approve the minutes from the last two meetings. Copies of the minutes have been distributed on the tables. A motion to approve was made by Andrea. Second by Lanie. Mo called a vote. Motion passed.

Mo discusses that Principal Danser requested if the PTSA could assist with the repair of benches in the courtyard. Jeff introduced freshman Zander Scott. Zander gave a presentation regarding repairing the benches as his Eagle Scout project. Weather and fundraising permitting he wants to complete the project during Winter Break, February 17-24. Zander responded to questions from the body about his project.

Mo made a call for support to assist Zander with funding and supplies. Contact Mo or Jeff if you can help.

Jeff told the body Zander will be sitting for his Eagle Scout review and it would be great if the PTSA gave our unanimous support of his project. A motion was made and seconded. Passed unanimously.

Fall Review – Mo

- Welcome Back breakfast for teachers
- Cakes for teachers' birthdays at faculty meetings
- Maynard Movie Fundraiser
- Grant - Field Trip for Students
- Drama Club Assistance
- Sunshine Closet
- Barnes and Noble Book Fair
- Holiday Teacher Luncheon

Spirit Store will be going online in February. Will be announced via social media when open.

Spring Fundraiser

- Reading and discussion with author Tayari Jones, "American Marriage."
- Date forthcoming

Principal's Report – Danser

No school Tuesday

Thanks to PTSA

- Holiday Luncheon
- Support during book fair and all the books purchased for the teachers

When this meeting is over, please head over to the gym; it is senior night for the girls' and boys' basketball teams.

Wednesday the swim team has their state championship meet.

Spring sports have begun:

- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Track
- Ultimate Frisbee Team is starting up

Some of our band members performed at a Super Bowl event and three students will be going to media day.

Academic Notes:

Accreditation review (happens every 5 years) March 4-5

IB Review

- Go Team will play a role
- He will be asking PTSA for different interviews necessary for the review
- Talk to your students about the IB program.

Principal's Coffee is next Friday

Busy testing season is coming in April and May.

SAT for juniors in March 6th

Pushed studying tomorrow during the "snow" day.

Member – reminded that free SAT prep course is available online.

"Say Something" initiative

- anonymous reporting system
- see something online that is a concern and someone submits the tip to the District for review and then it makes it to the school level.

Please take the Parent Climate Survey (15 are required) but he'd like more. Link is online. Ms. Dalton can assist with questions.

300 9th graders went to the College Football Hall of Fame for a field trip.

11th graders are headed to the symphony

Wants to bring back Freshman Fridays

Asked if anyone had questions, was happy to see so many in attendance with the impending snow

Treasurer's Report – Mo

January 17th the Treasurer resigned

Board of Directors, in accordance with bylaws, can vote on a new Treasurer

Pointed out copies of the budget on the tabletops

Mo – stated she is not worried, the finances are in disarray

Richard – adds that the resignation triggers an automatic audit and the new treasurer starts with a clean slate

Member asked if an audit has been done before; Andrea noted that we haven't had an official audit but are close to completing our first. Member wanted to know how long it would take and Mo replied that we are in the process of completing both the annual audit and the one required with the treasurer's resignation. Christina (with the PTSA District 10 level) will serve on the audit committee.

Mo wants us to be compliant so students can apply for higher level PTSA scholarships.

November and December bank statements are being made available.

Potential Interim Treasurers:

-Isis Dukes (9th grade parent) - has been in the banking industry for 15 years, owns a consulting firm, tired to stay involved, served at Sutton Middle on both PTSA and GO Team.

-Lanie Weathers (9th grade parent) – current PTSA VP

Mo notes that Lanie would have to step down from her current role as VP, creating an additional vacancy. A member asks why that seat would need to be filled, as you can run without a VP. [another question – not heard due to crosstalk]

Richard notes that you can have 2 co-presidents and 3 VPs. Must have president and treasurer to operate a PTSA. Some schools have challenges filling a board. Not unheard of to not have a vice president. Often times, boards fill the position with a member of the board.

Another member asks if the individual filling the position should have a financial background.

Richard notes that the board is in control of the choice. Mo clarified that the Board of Directors vote. Richard adds that members can send an email if they are interested in the position.

Member notes a desire for transparency. Angela states that she will not have her character bashed. Richard notes that the audit allows for transparency.

A 9th grade parent states that they would like someone financially capable to fill the position.

Erica notes that the position needs organization, forms, someone to say no, and follow the bylaws. A member asked Lanie to give her background, which she provided. Another member asked for clarification on the candidates. Mo explains that both have put themselves forward.

Member notes that once vote happens, the general body doesn't have power to change our decision. Mo notes that the board is accountable to the general body and that it is important to hear from the candidates.

Andrea notes that we had a meeting to have a vote and explained the full background, including that Jeff asked for a vote after 24 hours but this never happened. *(CH: From what I can gather from the notes, there was dispute regarding this account, as well as interruptions, leading to calls from the general body for better order from the board.)*

Jeff explains who the board is, and notes the role of the Principal and Parliamentarian.

It is determined that the board will vote on Lanie and Isis, and that the results will be announced on February 8th. Jeff will also post on social media.

A member asks about the role of VP. Mo notes that the VP supports the President and that we would need to fill the vacancy. The member asks why Lanie would step down and how to express interest in the VP role. Mo notes that the vacancy will be filled if needed.

Jeff states that the next meeting is February 8th. He encourages people to volunteer with next year's nominating committee and to stand for elections.

Budget vote

Mo notes that we agreed to host the holiday luncheon and would like to reimburse Nadia. Andrea breaks down where the money would come from (e.g., copying, parent engagement)

CAN SOMEONE PLEASE ADD THE CORRECT INFORMATION ON WHERE THE MONEY WOULD COME FROM?

Member asks how much was allocated and why \$1,200 was spent. Andrea notes that \$800 was initially allocated and we thought admin had this covered. It was a last-minute notification. Nadia paid back in December. A member notes that it was not bought to the body because of the event timing. Andrea notes that the vote to fund the event was unanimous. Member notes that volunteers brought food in the past. MO says that we didn't want to ask again because of the Sunshine closet request. Andrea notes that this can be done differently next year.

Motion to amend; budget was passed.

Grant – Lexie

- They benefit education
- One time, \$500 grant per teacher, per year
- Must be a PTSA member
- Must be educational to a group of students

She gave examples of past grants awarded by the PTSA

Currently editing application and should be on the website by February 1st.

Grants will be reviewed by March 11th to present to the Executive Board

Committee needs an odd number and asks for volunteers
-Terry Roth and Tracy Yandle volunteer

Hospitality – Nadia

Recognizes Tasha and Beverly for helping with cakes for the teachers during the Fall semester.

Wants to do something for the students in the Spring, she is working with Principal Danser
Member asks how it will be funded?

Mo responds – Budget not in great shape, will need to move money around.

Fundraising – Robin

Thank you to everyone for the help with the Barnes & Noble Book Fair

- Raised \$5,958.78
- Spent almost \$1,500 on teacher wishlists
- Big thanks to Sonia Fuller and Terry Roth

Cheesecake sales were great

- Sales winner – Class of 2019 (31) they will receive \$248
- Second – Class of 2022 (17) they will receive \$136
- Third – Class of 2021 (10) they will receive \$80

Upcoming

Two Dine-outs

Member question about Art Postcard Fundraiser

Robin stated we are holding the money for the art department

Membership – Shannon

We have had continued growth

426 individual members, plus a few joined tonight

Raised \$4,110

Paid \$1,526.25 to state PTSA

Have 47 faculty members

Thanked everyone

Nominating Committee – Andrea

The slate will be presented in March and voted on in April.

Volunteers include:

- Adrienne Goolsby
- Susan Mitchell
- Tasha Greer
- Anissa Ferrell
- Anthony Davis

- Shon Robinson
- Andrea
- Kris H.
- Sholanda Ashmore

A member asked about the duties, which Andrea explains. Sonia notes that there is a form on our webpage. Mo reads the bylaws. Shannon asks if you can be on the committee and run for office. Jeff says that we have avoided that practice in the past. Richard will follow up with the committee. Mo makes a motion to create a ballot to be coted on at the 2/8 meeting.

Member asks if committee can speak at the 2/8 meeting.

Andrea asks if it is 5 or 3 members on the committee. A member states that it is 5 with 2 alternates. Andrea makes a motion to defer nominating committee to 2/8 meeting and create a ballot to vote for 5 with 2 alternates. Vote was approved.

Audit Committee

Needs one more member. There is Andrea and the PTSA member. IF interested, see Andrea after meeting. Andrea described the multiple reviews and noted that we are on track to end the year positive. Mo states that we are healthy with money in the bank.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm