

**Marriotts Ridge High School**  
**PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**3:00 PM January 12,2009**  
**MRHS Volunteer Conference Room**

**ATTENDEES:** Jennifer Burgy, Paul Eckert, Lori Ferraro, Michelle Flynn, Dian Hernandez, Emily Jenkins, Karyn Littlejohn, Kellie Riley, Pat Saunderson, Molly Shea, Lynn Schenning, Amy Tich

President Jennifer Burgy called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM. Dia Hernandez & Pat Saunderson approved minutes from the December meeting.

**OFFICIERS' REPORTS:**

**President:** Jennifer reported new parent orientation meeting will be help on 1/13/09 would like board to decide if we should have a PTA table. It was discussed and Lori Ferraro said she would be there to cover the table and Jennifer will provide the information. Jennifer will be updating the PTSA scholarship soon and will post it on the website. Any senior who is a PTA member in addition to a parent is able to apply. Jennifer is still looking for \$10 contributions from board members or donations of gift cards for the basket for Madness Night.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Dia is still looking for a motivational speaker.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** **None**

**Treasurer's Report:** Lynn Schenning, reviewed the monthly income and expenses as of December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Recording Secretary:** **None**

**Corresponding Secretary:** **None**

**PTA Delegates:** Amy Tich, new budget was main topic of discussion much concern on what the state budget will be, which will dictate what if any cuts will occur and the county level.

**Student Representatives:** Emily Jenkins – 9<sup>th</sup> grade –freshman are busy studying for midterms. Kellie Riley 11<sup>th</sup> grade- they are busy planning the prom, it will be held at the Hyatt and will include dinner and dancing.

**Administration Report:**

**Staff Report:** Mr. Paul Eckert, GT Leader. Mr. Eckert reported on FEA Club (Future Educators of America), the club is very small but does alot of work with outside groups. In November they attended a conference for Howard County Clubs. Currently the GT research and independent mentor program has 60 kids enrolled. The kids have alot of great research projects and are currently sharing their projects with freshman to get them interested in participating.

Michelle Flynn, Special Educator and School Improvement Team Leader. Mrs. Flynn reported freshman classes are holding mid-term reviews after school. HSA's are being held this week for some students who still need to pass. She also reported that there is alot of intervention available for students who need extra help. Mrs. Flynn also thanked the PTA for the grant money that was used to purchase the document presenter.

**Principal:** Mr. Pat Saunderson reported Family and Community Partnership are hosting Dr. Spevak's presentation on "Empowering Underachievers" on 2/5/09 for parents. He spoke with staff earlier in the year at a professional development day. Midterms will be held next week, allot of review classes going on this week. SGA would like to host a movie night or open gym night on 3/27/09 and would like the support from PTSA and Boosters. It was discussed and PTA would like help host, we will be providing chaperons/volunteers for the night. There will be a winter dance on 2/13/09 preparations are under way. Mr. Saunderson updated the PTA on the scholars program and the changes that have been made. Students no longer apply after 8<sup>th</sup> grade; students must complete 5 AP classes by the end of their senior year. Currently those students who have met the requirements but did not apply will be asked to be part of the program and will be recognized at graduation. Scheduling for next year will hold 1/27/09-2/3/09.

**Committee Reports:**

**Boosters:** **None**

**Membership:** we are still receiving a few memberships, currently 941 members, projections were 898.

**After Prom:** Jennifer reported for Christine. Next meeting will be 1/13/09, still need many volunteers and committee chairs.

**Publicity:** Jennifer reminded everyone to send all eschool newsletters request to Karen Chase at [Karen.chase@unilever.com](mailto:Karen.chase@unilever.com).

**Student/Family Programs:** **None**

**Escript:** **None**

**Staff Appreciation:** Jennifer reported we would be hosting a dinner on 2/26/09 during conference week.

**Newsletter:** Jennifer reported next newsletter will be February 2009, deadline is 1/30/09.

**Reflections:** County ceremony to be held 1/22/09, not sure if we have any winners yet at the county level.

**Directory:** Jennifer reported complete and to be delivered 1/13 & 1/14 during lunch.

**SAT Prep:** **None**

**Hospitality:** Jennifer would like to host cookies and drinks the night of Dr. Spevak's presentation.

**New Business:** **None**

**Old Business:** Jennifer read a thank you from Rita Morsbeger thanking NHS students for editing books over the break for Folly Quarter students.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Ferraro  
PTSA Recording Secretary