

**Marriotts Ridge High School**  
**PTSA Meeting**  
**April 12, 2010**  
**Marriotts Ridge HS Staff Lounge**

Irene Bademosi called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM

**In Attendance:** Irene Bademosi, Tim Ferrell, Cathy Lein, Laura Muth, Jennifer Burgy, Barb Ohnmacht, Pat Saunderson, Kellie Riley, Lori Ferraro, Willie Simmons, Barbara Chilcoat, Jire Bademosi

**Minutes** from the March 8, 2010 Executive Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve as corrected (Ferrell), second (Ferraro). All in favor. Minutes approved unanimously.

**President's Report: Irene Bademosi**

- Attended the press conference where the County Executive, Ken Ulman, presented a check for \$2000 for each high school After Prom Event.
- Attended the Basket Bingo. It was very well organized; thanks were expressed to Cathy Lein. All children and adults in attendance appeared to be having a wonderful time.
- The number of students admitted to college is impressive. Hats off to the MRHS parents.
- When announcing the formation of the Nominating Committee last month, President forgot to mention that she would like to position of student representatives to be an elected position. Recommends that perhaps the positions, one representative from each grade, could be added to the SGA "officers."
- Safe driving information has been posted on the PTSA website.
- There is a countywide push for students to take the ACT in addition to/instead of the SAT.
- Several MRHS parents have contacted President and inquired if PTSA could change and/or add another SAT Prep instructor. Mrs. Ford (Student Services) met with Revolution Prep and Academic Coaches for comparison purposes and to investigate options. Mrs. Barbara Chilcoat has volunteered to Chair the SAT Prep Committee for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Chilcoat will coordinate with Mrs. Ford the options for prep classes offered next year.

**First Vice President's Report: Tim Ferrell**

- Has communicated with Directory Chair at River Hill High School, and they are having trouble getting their directory out on a timely basis also. Is still working on contacting the Mt. Hebron Directory Chair.
- Mr. Will Schwarz will be the point man on the Selection Committee for the PTSA scholarship awards. No applications received as of today, April 12.
- Renewed Brick Garden today, everything is thriving.

### **Second Vice President's Report: Cathy Lein**

- Make Route 32 Safe Committee members have attended two hearings on the proposed new gas station at the intersection of Livestock Road and Route 32. Another hearing is planned for April 15 at 7:00 PM in the Government Offices in Ellicott City.

### **Treasurer's Report: Laura Muth**

- Need documentation for Homewood and ARL Staff Appreciation checks. President will look through her e-mail files and forward request from PTACHC.
- After Prom Committee Chair cashed the check that was presented to MRHS PTSA by the County Executive. Treasurer will work to get the correct documentation for the audit.

### **PTACHC Delegate Report: Barbara Ohnmacht**

- PTACHC scholarship deadline is extended until April 30. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. Mrs. Ohnmacht will forward information about this scholarship to Student Services to be included in their weekly news bulletin.
- Council meeting is being held tonight.
- The National PTA Conference is being held in Nashville, TN from June 10-13. Any member is welcome to attend.
- A workshop for new officers will be held June 10.
- PTACHC is seeking a Recording Secretary and Treasurer for the 2010-2011 school year.

### **Student Representative Report: Kellie Riley**

- Graduation will be held June 2, 2010 at 4:00 PM.
- Prom will be held May 8. Paying for Prom and getting money together for college at the same time has proven to be stressful for many students.
- A countywide change collection program begins soon. Change Matters is a fundraiser and a teaching opportunity for Howard County students about homelessness in Howard County.

### **Student Representative Report: Kelly Burgy**

- The SGA is working on Class Acts

### **Administration's Report: Patrick Saunderson**

- Sent out the Senior Events information to parents.
- Working on staffing for next year.
- Will start building the master schedule for the 2010-2011 school year on our about April 14.
- HCPSS is slowly introducing a new data collection/distribution program. Next year it will track attendance, report cards and scheduling. The following year, the parent portal will open (similar to TeacherWeb).

### **Committee Reports:**

**Directory:** See 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report for more information.

**eScrip (Cathy Lein):** Written report submitted. \$3,244.30 earned to date.

**Membership:** Membership for the school year is closed.

**Staff Appreciation (Jennifer Burgy):** The next events will be held during Staff Appreciation Week in May. On Thursday, May 6 the PTSA/Boosters Staff Appreciation Committee will sponsor a breakfast for the staff. A pizza party luncheon will be hosted on Friday, May 7.

**Newsletter (Cindy Happel):** The newsletter was published on April 2, and posted on the website. Is currently accepting new submissions for the early May edition.

**Reflections (Jane Jones):** No report

**Hospitality (Jennifer Burgy):** The students in culinary arts made baked goods for the Coffee and Conversation with the Board of Education. Donna Flemister set up and cleaned-up before and after them meeting.

**SAT Prep Course:** Barbara Chillcoat has expressed an interest in chairing this committee next year.

**Nominating Committee:** Has not compiled a slate yet. Will have it published not later than 10 days prior to the General Meeting, which will be held on May 10, 2010. Have volunteers to Chair eScrip, PTACHC, Newsletter, SAT Prep, and Staff Appreciation committees

**After Prom (Christine Crosby):**

- Next After Prom Meeting is Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 PM in the Faculty Lounge.
- Wednesday, April 14 is Dining for Dollars at Serafino's Italian Restaurant. 20% of lunch or dinner sales will benefit After Prom. Flyers are required when paying in order for a percentage to be counted.
- Yankee Candle order was delivered – items will be unpacked and prepared for pick up or delivery. The profit made was \$486.40. This is low considering other high schools make well over 4K on this fundraiser. Chair believes the snow and other MRHS groups selling Yankee Candles impacted our overall sales. Candles can be picked up on Thursday during the After Prom meeting.
- The tickets and bus tickets have been printed and will go on sale beginning April 20 during all school lunches.
- Wilhide's Florist is looking into staffing a table during prom ticket sales to take pre-orders on prom corsages and boutonnières.
- Prizes are being purchased with the additional funds received from the County. Not as many donations have been received this year as in the past. Still need items like iPods, cameras, dorm items and gift certificates to salons, dinner, movies, etc.
- Volunteers are needed to stay the entire night or for a few hours. Parents are needed to help set up, walk the floors, run the pool competition and bowling tournaments, and monitor prizes through the night. Stay tuned for more information from the Committee Chair, Anne.

**New Business:**

- A request for funding for the Information Technologies Departmental Grant was submitted for Gale Testing and Education Center. More information requested. Tabled until next meeting.

- President thanked the student members, and asked Mr. Saunderson if staff could create certificates of appreciation could be created and presented at end of year award assemblies.

- **Special Report Update on HCASC and MASC (Jire Bademosi):**

- HCASC elections will be held next month. There are 4 elected officer positions, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Is visiting SGA's throughout the week to get students input about how HCASC can support them.
- The next HSASC meeting will be held April 21 at the ARL Building.
- Will soon meet with Dr. Grasmick to discuss the Race to the Top initiative, and would like to include any other student who is interested in attending that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM