

**Marriotts Ridge High School**  
**PTSA Meeting**  
**October 11, 2010**  
**6:00 PM**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Staff Lounge**

Dave Brown called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

**In Attendance:** Dave Brown, Jane Jones, Jennifer Burgy, Barbara Ohnmacht, Cathy Lein, Clovis Thomas, Reg Hahne, Lori Ferraro, Barbara Chilcoat, Anita Koehler

**Minutes** from the September 13, 2010 Executive Board Meeting were presented. Motion to approve as written (Brown), second (Ferraro). All in favor. Minutes approved unanimously.

**Administration Report: Clovis Thomas**

- Marriotts Ridge Administration has been urged by Central Office to reduce the monthly gas and electric utility bills. The current monthly average spent on utility bills for MRHS is \$40,000, the highest in the county.
- A Conservation Effort Report was distributed, a few activities are highlighted below.
- Current conservation methods include:
  - Turning off classroom lights when rooms are not in use, after school hours, and during non-school days.
  - Unplugging all small appliances at night, on weekends, during summer, winter and spring breaks.
  - Turning off all computers, printers, copiers and scanners that are not being used.
  - Keeping outside doors closed.
  - Keeping windows closed when HVAC is running.
  - Recycling bins are in every classroom, and recyclables do not have to be sorted. Bins are collected every Tuesday after school.
- Future plans to reduce consumption include:
  - Improved HVAC control system.
  - Installation of occupancy sensors by the end of the year (motion activated light switches).
  - Entering into a partnership with Select Energy Solutions, Inc.

**Staff Report: Reg Hahne, CTE Team Leader:**

- A copy of the presentation Mr. Hahne delivered is attached.
- CTE staff members were introduced and a brief description of their classrooms and extra-curricular activities was provided.
- The CTE Department expressed their appreciation to the PTSA Board for their continued support of the projects that are conducted in their classrooms.

**President's Report: Dave Brown**

- Has not been able to recruit an After Prom Chair. Contacted all persons who expressed an interest in assisting the After Prom on Volunteer form, no one is willing to step

forward to Chair Committee. Will meet with Mr. Saunderson next week to brainstorm potential names of people to approach.

- Secured a Reflections Chair (Debbie Epstein) but she hasn't responded to e-mails seeking specific assistance. Mrs. Czarnecki will unveil the Reflections program in English classrooms by October 14. Some students (in dance, photography and music) are already working on projects. The local deadline is the Friday before Thanksgiving. President has recruited nine judges. Mr. Hahne will post electronic copies of application forms and information packet to the website.
- PTA Presidents are invited to meet with the members of the Board of Education on Wednesday. Tim Ferrell will represent MRHS at the meeting.
- Seasons Hospice Foundation sent a thank you note for the contribution PTSA sent in memory of Rusty Beatty.
- Received a copy of the PTSA Liability Insurance coverage in the mail and was surprised by the number of activities that are not covered by the policy.

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

- Treasurer's Report submitted electronically as follows:
- Membership ~ Lori will provide update but the figures are up to date on the attached report.
- After Prom Pasta Dinner ~ Betsy will provide but the figures are included on the attached report.
- Administrative payments to be made this month:
  - PTACHC Dues of \$170
  - PTACHC Scholarship \$100
  - Staff Appreciation (Homewood and ARL) \$100 each
  - Facilities charge for SAT review course \$200
- Treasurer has changed the arrangement with PNC Bank to include a copy of each check on the monthly statement. This will cost the PTSA \$3 per month. She believes it is necessary to support to whom and for how much a check is written for. This is in place of purchasing carbon checks and is in response to a comment from our financial review for the prior school year.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report: Tim Ferrell**

No Report

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

- A debate featuring the candidates for School Board was just held. Remember to vote on November 2.

#### **Corresponding Secretary: Cathy Lein**

- 19 families sent donations to the PTSA. Corresponding Secretary sent handwritten thank you notes in September.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **eScrip (Cathy Lein):**

- Verizon sent its first contribution.
- 97 people have signed up for eScrip.
- 100+ did not renew their membership.

**Membership (Lori Ferraro):**

- Current membership is 772, which represents approximately a 30% reduction from the 1061 last year.
- President Brown will send a “reminder” e-mail to Mr. Saunderson about the staff that has not joined since Back-to-School Night.
- Will attend Junior Parent Night this evening and promote membership.
- Will connect with Mr. Hahne to obtain more information about paying on-line next year.

**Directory:**

- President Brown is encountering problems with Central Office getting information to use in a timely manner to include in the Directory.

**Staff Appreciation (Kim McKay):** No report

**Reflections:** A Chair for this committee is needed.

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**After Prom:** A Chair for this committee is needed.

**SAT Prep (Barb Chilcoat):**

- ACT class is currently underway. PTSA does not receive any donation from this class.
- SAT classes start Tuesday with full enrollment. PTSA will receive \$1200 from Academic Coaches.
- Chair will meet with Mrs. Ford to discuss what classes we may want to offer in the winter or spring.

New Business:

Ideas for fundraising for After Prom are being sought so that After Prom organizers know how much money they have to spend before they make purchases. No ideas were forthcoming. Issue tabled until next month.

A venue for After Prom should be obtained. If no Chair is found by next meeting, Executive Board will make steps towards securing a location.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM