

HBMS PTSA Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2012

Attendees: Nora Lewis, Cindy VanCoughnett, Deanne Martin, Krista Whalen, Tammy Fareed, Pat Goyette, Penny Arsenault, Bob Thompson, Cindy Matte, Maryanne Shanley, Debbie Drouin, Katie Corsetti

Treasurer Report: There is a current checkbook balance of \$16,526.62.

Recent funding requests include:

- 1) \$88 for trophies for Reflections winners. There is \$50 remaining of \$200 that was budgeted for Reflections, so \$50 will be given as it has been budgeted.
- 2) \$500 for Destination Imagination. There is \$500 in the current budget for DI, so that will be granted.
- 3) Steve Capraro requested \$500 for the History Day competition. This would cover a \$100 registration fee for each of the five members on the team who are going to the University of Maryland to compete. These students won first place in the NH competition. The club has no funding as it has not participated in the competition before. Maryanne motioned for the registration fee of all participants to be paid. Deanne seconded it. The motion passed.

Penny motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Deanne seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Principal's Report:

Pat reported that staff requests for PTSA money must go through the front office. She has a request from Kristen Werne for a document reader, which costs about \$600. Cindy V. motioned that PTSA provide the funds. Pat seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8th Grade Celebration: Kristine Farhat is organizing the celebration currently scheduled for June 20, as the last day of school is scheduled for June 21. At present, there is a School Board meeting planned in the MPR on June 20. One option is to ask the Board to use space at the Town Hall. Another option is to hold the celebration on June 19. Pat will check into moving the location of the Board meeting.

7th Grade BBQ: Maura Loftus is organizing this event held on the last day of school at Alpine Grove. This year, Alpine Grove is hosting 400 senior citizens on June 21, therefore cannot accommodate the MS. Discussion followed that included the idea that Alpine Grove suggested they could cater the event at the school. The cost would be about \$1,800. The budgeted amount is \$250 or \$275. Maryanne will check on the exact budgeted amount. Based on donations received in the past, it is expected that donations this year would cover the cost, especially if donations are limited to monetary contributions to cover catering and not to providing food, drinks, and paper products as in the past. Pat concluded that Gayle Botcher would work with Maura on logistics to hold it at the school.

High School 101: Pat took 8th graders to the HS in small groups. They received information from guidance counselors and current students and took building tours. Pat felt this was a very successful activity.

Pat introduced incoming principal Bob Thompson who stated that he's noticed a lot of pride in the MS by students and staff, and that he is excited to start working here. Members, in turn, introduced themselves to him.

Pat introduced high school Principal Cindy Matte who encouraged parents to stay involved at the HS level. She said the HS PTSA is very active. Cindy also mentioned that there is a lot of student support at the HS, including weekly meetings to address student needs.

Other:

Maryanne stated that website coordinator Iris Realmuto told her that the HS renews its domain name every five years. Currently the MS renews yearly, which would expire in September, and she feels could be at risk of losing its name in an oversight during September. Deanne motioned to renew the MS domain for a period of five years. Krista seconded it. The motion passed.

Cindy V. reported that Best Ford is offering test drives at the HS on May 11. For every test drive Best Ford will donate \$20 to the Booster Club, up to a \$6,000 limit. Sign-ups will be on-line from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on the 11th.

Cindy V. mentioned that the HBHS PTSA is looking at holding a possible Chili cook off at Old Home Day. HBMS Spirit wear is planning on a booth.

Maryanne said that the PTSA needs a staff appreciation coordinator and volunteer coordinator for next year. Tammy offered to be volunteer coordinator.

Maryanne shared an idea from Steve Secor to set aside up to \$700 for a DC trip one-time scholarship awarded in Pat Goyette's name. Cindy V. motioned to vote on the concept. Krista seconded it. The motion passed.**

Maryanne motioned to accept the minutes for January, February, and March. Tammy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**FYI: Pat Goyette did not receive this info in her minutes in order to try to keep this a surprise.

The next meeting will be May 17 at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Corsetti