

**Middletown High School PTSA  
General Meeting minutes  
January 22nd, 2009**

The Middletown High School PTSA meeting was held on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2009 at 7:40pm in the media center after a presentation from Tim Bowman (MHS School-to Career Dept.) who spoke on work study, internships, mentoring and Student Service Learning (SSL).

LeAnn Moore called the meeting to order and directed our attention to the displayed purposes of the PTA. A quorum was established. The minutes from the November 18th General Meeting, 2008 meeting were read and approved, with one correction, for filing. The approved minutes are to be emailed to Beth Fisher to be posted on the website.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. There was no discussion and the Consent Agenda was approved and will be filed with the minutes from the January 22nd PTSA meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Daphne Gabb presented the December reconciliation statement and the financial statement ending January 22nd, 2009. There was no discussion and a motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** MHS Principal, Mr. Berno, was not present as he was attending the Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration that had been rescheduled from an earlier date. There was no principal's report.

**TEACHER'S REPORT:** MHS Teacher Representative, Nancy Vom Lehn, reported that suggestions for Teacher Appreciation Week had been emailed to LeAnn Moore.

**STUDENT'S REPORT:** SGA Representative, Anna Verdi, reported that the SGA had sponsored a hat and glove drive at Middletown Elementary School in December and that items collected had been donated to a woman's shelter. In addition, the SGA will be helping the MHS sophomore class with the MHS Winter Dance that is scheduled for February 28th, 2009.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

A. Winter Dance: This is currently scheduled to take place on February 28th, 2009 and the MHS PTSA will offer support by helping to find chaperones for the dance.

B. FCPS Budget Revenue Enhancements and Reallocations (cuts): LeAnn Moore asked Janice Spiegel to talk to the PTSA about the FCPS Budget Reallocations for the 2009-2010 school year. Janice reported that, with no step increase for the FCPS staff, Frederick County will have a \$10 million shortfall but with a one step increase, this number could be as high as \$20 million. FCPS has proposed a list of potential ways to both generate funds as well as cut costs. The BOE will hold a public meeting on the FY 2010 Operating Budget on February 11th at 7:30pm in the Thomas Johnson High School Auditorium. All are encouraged to attend as well as to think about positive ideas to help cut costs. The MHS PTSA has a link with more information on the MHS website.

C. Just Between Friends Program: Nation PTA has a new program called Just Between Friends which acts as a support system for PTA organizations. This program offers an online directory, improved parent communication with schools and web based tools such as the ability to merge school schedules.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Approve updated MHS PTSA Bylaws: A motion was made by Diane Higginbotham to accept the Bylaw changes as presented. This motion was seconded and, without further discussion, was approved. These changes will be sent to MD State PTA along with a copy of the MHS PTSA General Meeting Minutes from the January 22nd, 2009 meeting.

B. Programs Plan of Work approval: Joyce Donohue has agreed to be the Programs Chairperson and presented a plan of work requesting \$50 to help cover the cost of small gifts for presenters. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Programs plan of work with financial needs of \$50. After voting, the plan of work was approved.

C. MD PTA Life Membership Award: LeAnn Moore asked for suggestions for nominations for this award. A motion was made to approve 1 Life Membership Award recipient. This motion was seconded and approved.

D. MHS PTSA Bulletin Board: The bulletin board has not arrived yet.

E. FCPS 2009-2010 Calendar: FCPS has approved the proposed school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Teacher Appreciation: Suggestions are needed for Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-8). An email will be sent out asking for feedback on ideas of things to do for the MHS staff during that week.

B. Baccalaureate Meeting: The first meeting to start planning this event will take place at Lisa Caudle's house on February 2nd at 7:30pm. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend this meeting. Please call Lisa at 301-371-5167 if you plan to attend.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Nominating Committee: Three MHS PTSA members are needed to help recruit the officer positions for next year. Sabrina Williams volunteered to be on this committee, two more members are needed. These positions will need to be filled and voted on at the February PTSA meeting.

B. MHS PTSA Website: Joyce Donohue has a coupon for a free domain name and website for one year with Network Solutions. This coupon is for one free year and there is no guarantee that another coupon will be available for subsequent years. Joyce reported that Network Solutions is a little more costly than other companies but offered to research the costs from this company and others, along with the advantages and disadvantages of each. This topic will be discussed again at the PTSA meeting in February.

C. Submissions for the e-newsletter: a request has been made from other MHS organizations to allow them to use the PTSA e-newsletter to advertise for their fundraisers. It was decided that we should not offer space on the e-newsletter to advertise for fundraisers from other MHS groups, we will continue to make academic announcements, not fundraiser announcements for other groups.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A. County Council PTA Meeting - Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:00pm at Monocacy Middle School. Operating Budget will be discussed.

B. BOE Public Hearing on the FY 2010 Operating Budget on February 11th, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Thomas Johnson High School Auditorium.

C. MHS PTSA meeting - February 24th at 7:00pm in the MHS media center. There will be a presentation from the MVA (Paul Cebeci and Kris Vega from the MD Motor Vehicle Administration will educate parents on the Graduated Driver's License Program).

D. MHS Conference sign ups - February 24th, 2009 from 2:45-6:00pm in the MHS Cafeteria.

E. Teacher Conference Dinner - March 2nd, 2009 from 4:30-5:00pm

F. Baccalaureate Event - Rehearsal, May 26th, 2009 and Ceremony, May 27th, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm