

## **MarHeritage Middle School PTA Meeting September 1, 2020**

Attendance on the virtual meeting: Kim Glenn, Luke Miles, Caroline Miles, Lori Eitel, Carolyn Hawkins-Young, Jo Ellen Newhouse, Terri Sitarek, Jessica Findlay, Roderick Mason, Christina Kastendike, Heidi Stuart, Tonya Harris, Marie Iskander, Lindsay Mitchell

This meeting was held virtually due to school closures caused by COVID-19.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Bank balance as of September 1, 2020: \$21086.00

Heidi Stuart presented the HMS PTA budget for the 2020-21 school year for approval. Terri Sitarek seconded and it was approved by those in attendance.

### Committee Reports:

Audit: The year end audit for the 2019-20 school year has been completed.

Book Fair: As of this date there is no book fair scheduled. Working on contacting Scholastic to see what our options for a book fair this year will be.

Communications/Social Media: Thank you Lori and Carolyn for helping HMS PTA go virtual. Keep sending anything that needs to be posted.

Cultural Arts: The requirement for Arts Council grants have been met for 2020. Research for pricing and programs to see what will be a good fit for HMS.

Equity: Research for pricing and programs to see what will be a good fit for HMS

Hospitality: Staff lunch was provided Tuesday 8/18 and \$5 gift cards provided for staff not on campus. PTA will provide each staff member with a HMS T shirt in place of a Holiday gift or mailbox treats this year. Tentative staff snack provided in October and in the Spring when all staff is available.

Membership/Volunteers: membership is down from last year

No Fuss Fundraiser: We are down from last year. Have received about \$1400. 21 families have donated.

Rewards Cards: Down from last year. Harris Teeter and Lowes Foods cards are all linked.

Spirit Wear: Inventory completed and the Square store should be up and running for selling spirit wear online via HMS PTA website by end of September.

Spirit Rock: Some months are full but we still have empty spots

Outstanding Business: We have reached out to sponsors with no response. Other schools have indicated that they are not getting sponsorships this year. Kim Glenn asked if teachers are seeing a need for anything. Response from teachers was that extra monitors would be appreciated. Along with website subscriptions.

Staff Report: Mr. Miles and Mrs. Miles gave the staff report. Thank you for the lunch and the gift cards.

Principal's Report: Ms. Newhouse reported that there are 84 total teachers for this school year. Just over half of the staff are reporting daily. All are expected to be in the building after the October track out unless medically exempt. Staff is divided into Virtual Academy and Plan B but they are doing planning together in PLT. Students may be doing the same activities no matter which plan they are learning with. Students are encouraged to turn cameras on at certain times but this is not a requirement. HMS 10 day enrollment number was around 1200 students.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM