

Mt Lebanon High School PTSA General Meeting
April 16, 2024 D205 1pm
Minutes

- Call to order at 1:00pm by Jean T
- Student Activities Report- Brittany Tonkavich
 - Last week was very busy, it was spirit week, each day had theme ex. PJ day, Wednesday was schoolwide rock paper scissors game that was very popular, Friday was Spirit Assembly which was changed to Clash of Classes approx. 250 students participated
 - PTSA breakfasts were last week also very popular this year. Did receive feedback about looking at scheduling for future ones because it fell during Ramadan this year.
 - Frosh had movie night on Friday showed Wonka got license through Swank.com. They have different packages one time and yearly cost is dependent on number of students. Wanted to pass on information to council level may be a good way to fundraise district wide. This program is available to schools and libraries and meant for fundraising purposes.
 - Election week this week for Class of 2025 officers
 - FBLA did very well at regionals, 2 students were invited to Nationals
 - NHS induction 202 students inducted recently
 - Cum Laude 80 Students honored

Teacher Representative- April McCracken-

Unable to be here but Good News from the classroom went out about 6 days ago with lots of information about the great things the students are doing

Treasurer's Report- Allison Carey

Unable to be here. It was noted that only check that went out this month was for \$160 to PAPTA for awards.

Motion made to change order of meeting from agenda to address Business section at beginning to enable Quorum- no objections noted

Old Business none

New Business-

- Slate- Last month the nominating committee presented a slate, no nominations were made from the floor. The slate was published on website and newsletters. Since we only have 1 candidate for each office we can vote on the entire slate via voice vote for the slate as presented here

President: Jean Thomas

1st VP: Marisa Hupe

2nd VP: Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer

3rd VP: Carol Rossetti

Secretary: Kelly Latona

Treasurer: Bonnie Dougherty

Historian: Natalie Kukla

Vote all ayes, no objections, Slate is passed. Officers will assume their positions on July 1

- New standing rules recommended by Council as follows
- No bank account signatory can appear as both a payee and a signatory on the same check
- An officer may not process/receive/deposit a check from another PTA unit if you are a signatory on both unit accounts.

Bonnie made motion to approve, Natalie seconded.

Vote all ayes, no objections- motion carries

- Budget items for consideration for next years budget
- Membership Toolkit v Give Backs

Do we continue with Membership Toolkit or switch over to Give Backs which is PAPTA sponsored platform. Membership toolkit is \$500 per year that we offset by transferring the fees to the buyer. GB is a free version that the PAPTA is giving to units free but processing fees are still charged. MMS trialed GB in summer and found it wasn't as user friendly as they hoped for directory and newsletter, officers were receiving a lot of spam. Question posed about a paid version of Give Backs to decrease spam and marketing. Answer was probably but cost of that is unknown at this time. Recommend that we continue on Membership Toolkit at this time

- Funding student activities v curricular programs for upcoming budget.

This past year we matched the \$250 given to Devil's Advocate (school newspaper) to also give \$250 to Pulse (literary magazine) DA is a class that puts out a newspaper to every student multiple times a year, Pulse is an extra curricular club that publishes 1x year there is an imaginative writing class that most take who publish in the Pulse. Both school sanctioned publications help every student. Pulse asked us to help them with funding for printing costs because online versions were not as popular. Fear is that this opens door for other clubs to ask for money that are not curricular. Colleen made motion, Elizabeth seconded to keep funding both for next year Jean amended budget item w Colleen seconded to decrease amount to \$100 sponsorship of each to defray cost of printing.

- Instrument fund- Council asked if instrument fund can be increased to \$100 from \$50 due to depletion of fund. It is for both Orchestra & band and run by Doug Reichenfeld
- Dues cost for next year.

We were at \$25 for full membership, \$10 for teacher partner and \$10 student. National PTA has put forth a bill to increase by \$1 collections from each member of a local unit. We won't know if this is passed until after our budget is set. Will discuss at council level to try to unify dues amount.

Return to Executive and Committee Reports

- Executive Committee Reports
- President's Report-Jean Thomas

School board meeting last night- district authorized the use of furloughs if needed to help balance the budget. Juul settlement money- we were hoping to place sensors in bathrooms but the ceiling height is too tall for them to be accurate. We still have the money but need to figure out another use. At last Council Meeting-it was noted that the district was chosen for involvement in RAIL project; District was also awarded NAMM Best music education program, Outreach RAPS survey is going on at HS now. Attended PAPTA convention this past week overall it was noted that membership is way down.

b. 1st VP-Bonnie Dougherty

Prom is moving along a wish list was sent out to Senior parents and items are coming in from that, Volunteer list will be going out to underclass families also, Class Breakfasts went well, well attended by the amount of food that we went through. Staff appreciation sign up went out. Issue noted that donations although asked for no spot to sign up- will get that fixed; Reflections no new information yet

c. 2nd VP- Colleen Frank- nothing to report

d. 3rd VP Carol Rossetti- Sign-ups are lacking esp for diploma assembly May 28 -will double check that sign up link went out it may not have made the last newsletter but will make sure it is in next one.

e. 4th VP- Joel Thompson-

We are looking at scheduling of student activities. We want to get students to re-engaged if something is not fun then we don't have to do it. Recent events include spring Break, NHS induction, Cum Laude Ceremony. We were selected to be part of an international Middle States program called RAIL which to look at responsible AI learning. A number of teachers, Mr. Stengel and myself will be involved.

Upcoming events include

- Art Show April 18, 2024
- Musical -Meet me in St Louis May 2-4
- Ap Exams start May 6
- Keystones begin week of May 13th. Biology 10th, English 10th, Algebra 8th-12th Participating students have been notified. 10 Am starts for non-testing students.
- Senior Reception May 21st w 2pm dismissal (and 10 am start)
- Senior finals June 4
- Final exams Grs 9-11 June 5 & 6
- Senior Picnic June 5 w graduation practice
- Commencement June 6- no rain date will either be in stadium or inside

f. Secretary Kelly Latona-

We need to approve the minutes from last month. No corrections noted. Minutes will be filled as submitted

g. Historian- Natalie Kukla- nothing to report

Announcements

Next meeting May 28 @ 1 pm

Attendance

Jean Thomas, Kelly Latona, Carol Rossetti, Bonnie Dougherty, Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer, Colleen Frank, Brittany Tonkavich, Joel Thompson, Natalie Kukla

