



MRHS PTSA Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Zoom Link

**Call to Order and Introductions at 7:02 with 7 members present**

**SGA Report:** The SGA is planning a mini spirit week for 12/20-12/22 and winter decorations to spread holiday cheer. They plan to set up lights in the hallways and commons, and play music in the mornings.

SGA is also planning a February Food Drive in coordination with the Class Council. Students will be assigned groups of first-period rooms (67 in total) to promote the food drive and return to classrooms after school to collect and weigh food. MRHS must collect and donate a minimum of 2,000 pounds of food. If additional student volunteers are needed then SGA will reach out to the National Honor Society. The food drive theme being considered is *Share the Love* since the last day to bring in food coincides with Valentine's Day.

- SGA is trying to decide what the reward for the highest contributing class will be (a past reward has been a breakfast made by the culinary club) or whether to do incentives for the entire student body as milestones are met.
- SGA needs help from the PTSA to advertise the food drive and encourage donations. MRHS will also put information on the school marquee.

**Staff Report:** N/A

**Principal's Report:**

- MRHS recognizes 55 students as National Merit Finalists. They qualified by testing in the top 1% of Maryland students during Junior Year and were celebrated with a school event.
- PSATs were delivered electronically for the first time this October in all Maryland High Schools. There were some glitches state-wide with the electronic system and the 10th grade tests had to be rescheduled. MRHS will provide feedback to students on understanding their scores once they are released.
- Held the first Teacher Appreciation breakfast cart on 11/8 with chick-fil-a sandwiches, yogurts and coffees.
- MRHS has hired Kamesha Milton as the new Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) Liaison. Her time will split between MRHS and Glenelg.

- Parent/Teacher Conference scheduling is open. There was a glitch in the system county-wide that caused a delay in scheduling.
- Winter sports start Wednesday.
- Marching Band was awarded Second Place at State Championships, and won Overall Best Effect and Best Color Guard.
- The Theater Department just finished Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The production included a local children's choir, which was a great way to get community involvement.
- Administration is currently conducting classroom observations and providing teacher feedback.

**President's Report:**

- The Answer Class is hosting another PSAT prep session. The information was posted on the Facebook group and will be in the PTSA newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- October revenue consisted of \$295 in membership dues. The ending balance for October 2023 was \$25,723.89
- The Treasurer's Report was approved

**October Minutes Approved:**

- October minutes were approved and will be posted on the PTSA website

**ACTION ITEMS - N/A**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AfterProm:**

- The committee is distributing a student survey to get input into student preferences for the AfterProm venue and prizes ([draft](#)). They are also asking students if they'd like to help with planning and will reach out to Arya to discuss.
- The prize committee will start shopping soon to take advantage of Black Friday sales. Their budget is \$3500 and they will need to be reimbursed for expenses. Courtney will get added as a check signer to facilitate this process.
- The Art Club is interested in helping advertise the event with posters, designs, etc.
- The Chipotle Fundraising night in Oct raised just under \$600 (note-this check was not recorded in October's treasury report)
- Succession planning - Tina is serving as the AfterProm co-chair this year and will take over as chair next year.
- The date for Prom has not been determined.

**Hospitality:**

- An Italian-themed Hospitality luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov 21 during P/T conferences. There have been some donations offered, but very few volunteers to provide any food. Julie is looking for caterers and expects to spend \$1500 for main dishes and will incur expenses to purchase utensils, plates, etc...

- The current hospitality budget is \$3,500 with most of that going to the breakfast carts. At this rate there is not enough to also support an event for winter conferences, continue the teacher appreciation breakfast carts, and to celebrate Administrators, bus drivers, and the custodial staff.
- Julie proposes that we cancel the winter lunch unless additional funding is allotted, and going forward plan on two catered events.
- The Executive Committee will review the current budget and propose changes for the PTSA to vote on at January's meeting and provide the hospitality committee with direction/events.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

### New business:

- **Parent Survey: The PTSA requested a volunteer to** oversee a PTA survey requesting parent input into the roles/activities of the PTSA. Right now our focus is Hospitality, AfterProm and SAT prep. There are no chairs for any other committees and those activities are not being completed.
  - Dr. DiPaula noted that when schools send out communications the countywide click thru rate is around 20% so we may need multiple avenues to get input. Suggestions included: having a QR code at Back to School Night (next year) and High school Registration Night, posting the QR code at key locations in the school, attaching the feedback opportunity to upcoming 8th grade promotion events, and advertising in *Today's Topics*.
  - Phuong will ask the MVMS PTA if we can advertise the survey at their school
  - Be transparent about what's in the survey and brief!

**Announcements:** N/A

**Meeting Adjourned - 7:49**

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2024 (there will be no meeting in December)**