

M.A.S.T. P.T.S.A. Inc.
May 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 P.M.. Co-President Adam Hubeny welcomed the membership and after the pledge of allegiance announced the meeting minutes for April 20, 2009 had been posted on the MAST web site for membership review approximately two weeks after that meeting. A motion to approve the minutes, and a unanimous vote to approve was cast by the Twenty six members present.

Officer Reports followed.

Treasurer's Report- Toni Dona provided information on the current financial position and noted activity this past month for payments for supplies related to the Family Picnic, Gibbs Hall and the Fall 2009 Gift Auction, Printing costs associated with the super raffle tickets to be drawn at the Family Picnic, purchase of Quickbooks Pro software for P.T.S.A. financial records next school year, and a few small miscellaneous expenses. A P.T.S.A. purchased debit card, and a matching anonymous contribution match by a PTSA parent, were issued under our student assistance category for a student whose family had encountered tragic losses in the recent past.

A Statement of Financial Position was announced and reviewed with the membership showing totals for the PTSA checking and savings accounts.

Vice President's Report- Co-Vice Presidents Stanley and Sakeena McGregory were both present but noted nothing to report at this time.

Recording Secretary's Report- Helene Hagen noted nothing to report at this time.

Corresponding Secretary- Deb Konczynski stated no news to report at this time.

Faculty Report- Dr. Christopher conveyed the teacher's appreciation for the PTSA sponsored Teacher Luncheon, and for all the PTSA does over the school year. A special note of appreciation was voiced for Joanna Sufficool and Angela Lasala for their work in setting up the luncheon buffet.

Dr. C. noted the Pass and Review ceremony had to be rescheduled for June 4, 2009 due to bad weather. Superintendent McAndrew will attend and we hope to take that opportunity to acknowledge his efforts on behalf of MAST students as well as all of the students of the County Vocational School District over the course of his long career, and wish him well as he retires from that position at the end of this school year.

Ms. Betsy Hoffman, Media Specialist, seconded Dr. C's remarks about the appreciation expressed by the faculty members for the teacher luncheon. Ms. Hoffman noted that the deadline for submission of essays for the PTSA sponsored scholarships to be awarded to contestants from the class of 2009 had occurred. Thirty one applications were received and she noted that the contestant subject selections were more evenly spread across the six categories than in years past. The number of applicants was a record for this program. Essays had been sent to the evaluators from the Princeton Review. She stated that reviewing faculty members would receive their copies (writers are

anonymous) in the coming week. Determinations of the finalists will be complete before the senior brunch.

Ms. Hoffman also spoke of the need for canvas 'tote' bags to carry laptops, books and materials as needed by the faculty as they travel around campus and to competitions, etc. A motion was made and approved to purchase bags after comparison shopping is complete.

Master Sergeant Doug Strebel reported that the MAST Drill team had participated in the Area Four Drill team competition and were happy to place third overall in a strong field of teams. The Freshman Drill team placed first in the Freshmen team competition. He expressed his and the students gratitude for physical training clothing donated by the PTSA for their participation in the National competitions in Pensacola Florida over spring break where the team placed 24th. The MAST JROTC students participating in the Memorial Day Parade in Freehold -the longest running Memorial Day Parade in NJ- on Monday May 25, 2009 should meet between 9:15-9:45 AM at the junction of Brinkerhoff and Main Streets.

He estimated between 20-30 awards will be given during the Awards Ceremony on May 22, 2009 from supporters such as the VFW, American Legion, and Daughters of the American Revolution organizations as well as others.

He also noted that on June 5, 2009 the Promotions and Change of Command Ceremony will take place at 1:15 P.M. at Pershing Field.

Committee Reports:

Drivers' Ed- Connee Moss stated all had gone smoothly to date.

Hospitality: Joanna Sufficool reported for herself and Angela Lasala. Teachers' luncheon had been hosted. No other news to report.

Gift Auction- Roseann Brandl and Iris Marketta reported that the solicitation letters were being rewritten to afford supporters a choice of purchasing ads in addition to donations. Materials had been received from this years' chairs and they were investigating converting files to a zip drive in a common application for ease of use.

Super Raffle- Phil Peluso reported that \$4700.00 had been raised to date. This is the break even point, so more sales are needed to boost our return to the PTSA for use in supporting student scholarships and activities. Please contact him if additional raffle ticket books are needed.

Clothing- Dot Lucyk reported she and other volunteers will man tables at The Family Picnic so students can purchase clothing at that event .

Directory Keith Dwight and Tom Davidson have worked together to exchange information and consider changes to the Directory information gathering and sale process. All was going well. A suggestion was made from the floor that the PTSA consider giving the directories free to students, or at least entering freshman, as a

means of fostering team building and communication. A discussion followed noting that sales had already occurred for next years directory. Adam suggested we revisit this suggestion early in the school year 2009-2010 and consider how the membership feels on the topic.

Picnic- Connee Moss reported that food donations were very slow in being pledged for the event. She asked for volunteers to contact her. Incoming freshman t-shirts will be provided, courtesy of the PTSA.

Membership- No report.

Scholarship Committee- Dr. Ross was unable to attend but had sent word that Ms. Hoffman would address this in the faculty report.

SAT/PSAT-Marianne Morse-nothing to report.

Graduation Committee- Cake and Gear will be provided by the school District. Sakeena McGregory volunteered to assist Chairperson Mary Ann Kilduff at the June 19, 2009 Ceremony.

Sunshine- Barbara Ilaria reported that gift baskets had been presented to the Administrative Assistants, and that Nurses' Appreciation Day was also coming up.

Monmouth Mall Points- Adam reported that we need more points to use for the purchase of a new video camera for the media center. Lindsay Hefter is collecting receipts at the school, or you can bring them to the customer service desk at monmouth mall for credit to the MAST account.

Rude Awakening- Adam noted that the \$350.00 donation by the PTSA had been given to the school to assist with this event. Barbara Ilaria mentioned how impressed she was by the event as a volunteer witnessing all the components of a very informative and educational day long event.

Old Business- Donations to the Savario Montanina Jr. Memorial Scholarship fund will be considered once the mechanisms and board are defined by the founders. The Senior Class Trip cancellation noted last month was found to be the result of a lack of organization by the senior students in submitting ideas and organizing the event.

New Business- The Election of Executive Committee members for the 2009-2010 school year was held after the final report of nominees was made by the nominating committee to the membership, and no further nominees were suggested by the membership present. Co-Presidents Adam and Diane Hubeny, Vice Presidents Jill Henry, Sakeena McGregory, and Stanley McGregory, Treasurer Barbara Ilaria, Recording Secretary Helene Hagen, and Corresponding Secretary Anne Davidson,

were elected by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Next Meeting: Monday June 15, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. Bldg. 77