

M.A.S.T. P.T.S.A., Inc.
November 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes

At 7:10 P.M. Adam and Diane Hubeny, PTSA Co-Presidents, called the meeting to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Adam noted that the October 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes had been posted to the school web site for membership review. A motion to approve the Minutes was made and seconded with unanimous acceptance voted.

Executive Committee Reports followed.

Treasurer's Report- Barbara Ilaria was unable to attend due to a work conflict. She had provided a financial report to Adam who shared information with those in attendance. Income for the gift auction held November 13 at Gibbs Hall had exceeded all expectations with a net profit preliminarily calculated at \$21,128.93-a record amount. No dispersals unrelated to gift auction expenses were noted except a pending payment to Legalized Games and Eatontown for the Report of Raffles estimated at \$40.00. The Savings account balance totaled \$55,378.35 as of 11/23/2009. The checking account balance was not provided.

Adam expressed his sincere thanks both personally as well as on behalf of the entire PTSA to RoseAnn Brandl and Iris Marketta for their hard work, and the work of their committee volunteers, on the gift auction. A hearty applause from the audience ensued.

Vice President's Report- Stanley and Sakeena McGregory were unable to attend. Jill Henry reported that an option to hold PTSA meetings at a more central site, Brookdale Community College in Lincroft NJ was being investigated. She asked for membership indication as to the desirability of relocating meetings on at least a few dates. Those in attendance voiced their approval of the idea. Jill will investigate further and advise of outcome.

Recording Secretary- Helene Hagen had nothing to report at this time.

Corresponding Secretary- Anne Davidson had nothing to report at this time.

Faculty Report- Ms Hoffman was unable to attend. Dr. Christopher was present before the start of the meeting but had a conflict and had to leave early. Adam asked that a note be added to the minutes that he asked for a decision on which driving school will be used for the Driver's Ed course to be offered and it will be announced shortly.

Committee Reports:

Gift Auction-Iris Marketta reported on the resounding success of the gift auction in raising funds for the PTSA's use in supporting our students and faculty here at MAST. Roseanne Brandl was unable to attend.

Super Raffle-Phil Peluso reported that preliminary processes for the supper raffle were underway. A successful raffle is hoped for, and with the support of the membership should be realized.

Hospitality-Joanne Sufficool had set up refreshments earlier but had to leave, so no report was filed.

Scholarship-Dr. Joel Ross reported that the policy for this year's Scholarship Awards had been posted on the web site and had asked if any questions existed. A brief discussion and explanation followed. A motion to approve the policy was made and seconded and the policy was unanimously approved in a membership vote. Investor's Savings Bank has not confirmed yet if a Grant to be added to the scholarship program will again be awarded this spring.

SAT/PSAT-Marianne Morse reported the PSAT prep course had been completed and that plans for the SAT prep course to be scheduled in advance of the March 2010 test date were underway. She had negotiated with the Princeton Review for a ten class course which may include up to four complete practice tests to begin at the end of January. They would be held immediately after school at MAST and would be offered for \$799.00-A savings of \$300 off the regular price-if a minimum of ten students enroll. Dr. Christopher will be contacted, with a cc: to Mrs. Manti to finalize dates. Adam noted he will send an email with details to all sophomore and junior parents with details when known.

Graduation-No report.

Sunshine-No report.

Monmouth Mall Points- This program will end December 10, 2009 and we are only a short distance from attaining our goal of accumulating enough points for a digital camera for the media center. Hand in receipts at the Mall Customer Service desk for purchases made at any mall retail outlet from restaurants to specialty shops and perimeter restaurants like Bobby Flay's etc..

Rude Awakening - Mary Pell reported that the first meeting was held for organizers and that Dr. Christopher, Mrs. Hoffman, GLAD member students, Mr. Plaskon, had attended. There is a tentative date for the multi-school event to be held at MAST on April 22, 2010 but that is subject to change pending resolution of final details.

Old Business- no report

New Business-

Barnes& Noble Book fair Dec 15 2009 A MAST PTSA Inc. fundraiser at three participating locations of Barnes & Noble is scheduled for Tuesday Dec. 15, 2009 reported Helene Hagen. Mr. Ellithorpe, Mr. Alfonse and Dr. C. had participated in pre planning activities. Approximately 45 student volunteers will be manning tables with displays and materials regarding the MAST curriculum, and performing gift wrapping services at the B&N Holmdel, Freehold, and new Eatontown locations. Parent volunteers will also be needed both as gift wrappers during daytime and as chaperones during evening hours. Student volunteers who wear the JROTC uniforms will be given a one day pass for required uniform wear at school by Commander Cramer. A percentage of the purchases made where the buyer mentions the 'MAST Book fair' **prior** to

checkout will be returned as cash to the PTSA. Also at the Eatontown and Holmdel locations, purchases at the B&N Cafe where the Book fair is mentioned prior to checkout count towards the total. A contest to choose a special "**MAST BOOK FAIR BREW**" drink is being considered. Students could vote what flavors to include in the drink (Chocolate, caramel, etc.) and the winning ingredients could be used to make the coffee drink which will be decorated with MAST school color sprinkles and featured as a 'special of the day'. Notification and details will be sent if the contest idea is followed up on.

Student Input -

Senior Class- Sr. Class President Joe Dellera asked for the PTSA to consider funding activities that benefit an entire class (e.g., the Senior Class Cruise) versus a small group of students (such as the Scholarship program). Discussion ensued and Joe explained that the process of how funding can be requested for different activities was unclear to him and most of the student body. Adam explained that the PTSA Executive committee and Dr. C. has just been discussing that topic. Adam explained that the Faculty advisors for the student organization would have access to the written procedures and process for submitting requests to the PTSA. All requests must first go through Dr. C. before submission.

Adam suggested that the request be discussed with the senior class advisor and following procedure, if appropriate, be directed ultimately to Dr. C. with a CC: to Mrs. Manti. He also suggested that planning ahead and moving the process through quickly would benefit the chances of a request's successful implementation.

Junior Class- Amanda Pell was present as a representative of the Junior class. She had several suggestions on improving student support of PTSA activities. After some discussion, Adam and the membership present agreed that each of the class presidents should be included on email announcements sent to PTSA parent members to foster involvement and support. Amanda mentioned that the Junior class was hoping to implement an 'Alumni Day' where recent MAST grads could come and visit the school and their former classmates, and also share their college experiences with present juniors as they begin to refine their college search. Mr. Spakowski and Mrs. Kay had been approached about the idea and were supportive. Refreshments or lunch for the returning alumni would be appropriate, and Amanda asked if the PTSA might be able to fund that expense. Adam explained again that the students should go to the guidance counselors/faculty advisors and follow the procedures for the request of PTSA funding. Dr. Christopher stated that all advisors will have copies of the written procedures for requesting PTSA funding.

Next PTSA meeting is in February. Date and location to be confirmed and will be announced. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.