

M.A.S.T. P.T.S.A., Inc.
Minutes of Meeting
October 11, 2011

At 7:15 PM Jill Henry called the meeting to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011 meeting was unanimously approved.

President's Report- Jill began the meeting with an overview of the PTSA Summer Budget Meeting held on July 25, 2011. She noted we received a \$5000 grant from Investors Savings over the summer, which allowed us to give out runner-up scholarships in English, History, Science, Technology, and World Languages to our graduating seniors (2011). Jill mentioned openings to chair the Driver's Education and the Rude Awakening committees. Also mentioned was a need to update the By-Laws to specify a minimum annual carryover amount. Jill spoke about the Drill Team banner, for which funding had been approved at the June 13, 2011 meeting. Eric Krause will give further details concerning the banner at the November meeting. Executive committee reports followed.

Vice President's Report- Colleen Carlo reported on the MCVSD PTSA meeting hosted by the MAST PTSA on October 4, 2011. The meeting was well attended (MCVSD administration, Academy Principals, and Academy PTO officers and members) and provided attendees with an opportunity to share information and hear from Superintendent Tim McCorkell. The MAST Hospitality Committee was thanked for their efforts in putting together a wonderful dinner for all attendees. There was such a good exchange of information that it was agreed to have another meeting of the Academy Parent groups in December to continue discussions. Mr. McCorkell reported there will be a change in District Computer Policy whereby personal devices will be allowed in school. The policy should have its final review 10/18/11.

Recording Secretary- No report

Corresponding Secretary- Letters of thanks were received from the following; Ms. Clare Ng (Teachers Breakfast), James Radice (scholarship award), and Robert Rubiano (scholarship award).

Treasurer's Report- Cheryl Lambert presented a financial statement which showed assets totaling \$88,190.46. The Money Market account had a balance of \$54,919.26 and the checking account balance was \$33,371.20, with \$100 withdrawn for the cash box. . We agreed to continue paying \$15 towards the senior cost of \$20 at the Senior Awards Brunch. A change was made to combine Membership and Directory as a single line item with an anticipated income of \$4,100. After discussion, a motion was made and approved to adopt the 2011 – 2012 budget. At this time Jill spoke about an accumulation of PTSA funds over the past several years. She said that the organization would be looking to prudently reduce these funds over the next few years.

Faculty Report- Dr. Christopher spoke on the following topics;

1. There was discussion concerning a possible campus building project. Dr. Christopher has spoken with the National Parks Service about new construction. At this time the project is in the very preliminary stage. Dr. Christopher estimates a project like this to take approximately 5 years from beginning to end.
2. Dr. Christopher addressed the need for a school policy governing the use of personal computers and Smart Phones in the classroom. He made it clear that their use must be for

the improvement of instruction. Students and teachers will be involved in the drafting of a policy.

3. It was mentioned that the automated One Call System will be utilized for school closings and emergencies.
4. Dr. Christopher asked that parents who wish to pick up their child after dismissal time (not related to staying after for a school-related club/activitiy) please let the administration know of such plans in advance. Call the main office to make arrangements.
5. Parents were encouraged to use the Power School program. If anyone is having difficulty logging on to the program please contact Dr. Christopher's office.
6. Dr. Christopher asked for financial help from the PTSA in funding a campus project to purchase outdoor equipment (picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles). He is going to get an updated estimate of the cost involved. The PTSA will consider the issue at the November meeting.
7. It was suggested that senior parents might want to look into promoting some type of Post Prom activities. This would be done in an attempt to discourage seniors from organizing their own "weekend at the Shore/Poconos".

Ms Valenzuela gave a presentation on how to use the Bulletin Board System(BBS). She collected names of people who are interested in receiving First Class logins and passwords to access the system.

Committee Reports:

Driver's Education- No report.

Hospitality- No report.

Barnes & Noble- Ed Failla announced a date of December 15, 2011 for the B&N fundraiser. There is a need for parent volunteers on that date at each of the four store location (Eatontown, Freehold, Holmdel and Howell). Ten percent of MAST identified purchases are given to the PTSA. Should total sales exceed \$2,000 the donation rises to 20%. Online sales are included in the fundraiser.

Gift Auction- Debbie Slook reported the deadline for tickets is November 4th. To celebrate both the 10th year of the auction and the 30th anniversary of the school a nautical/MAST theme has been chosen for the affair. The committee is still in need of gifts and donations. In particular, restaurant gift certificates. In addition each MAST family is being asked to donate \$10 to defray the cost of the auction.

Super Raffle- No report.

Clothing- Laura Menna report sales of \$1,797 at Back to School Night. The next sale of clothing will take place at the Spaghetti Dinner on October14th.

Picnic- No report.

Membership/Directory- No report.

Scholarship- No report.

Spaghetti Dinner- It was reported that everything is set to go, but advance ticket sales indicated the likelihood of lower attendance than in past years.

SAT/PSAT- No report.

Graduation- No report.

Sunshine- No report.

Rude Awakening- No report.

By-Laws-No report.

Old Business-

New Business-

1. A motion was approved to spend \$85 on a gift (Sandy Hook Lighthouse print) for MAST retiree Mrs. Klecak. The print will be presented to her at the Gift Auction in November.

2.. The Audit Committee reported that the audit went well and all accounts were reconciled. Sheila Daly presented a copy of the report to the secretary to be attached to the meeting minutes.

3. Student representatives of the Sailing Club asked about the possibility of using wetsuits from the Scuba Club. Dr. Christopher said the wetsuits would have to be checked to be sure there were no safety issues with them.

4. Dr. Christopher asked if the PTSA would consider funding the stipend for a Drill Team Advisor. A motion was made and approved by the PTSA to fund an NROTC Drill Team Advisor position for the 2011-2012 school year. The money will come from the Activities Fund and is not to exceed \$3,800.

The meeting was adjourned at ~8:30PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2011, location TBD.

Submitted by,
Barry McCabe
Recording Secretary