

**M.A.S.T. P.T.S.A., Inc.**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**November 7, 2011**

At 7:07 PM Jill Henry called the meeting to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting was unanimously approved. Jill had no report of her own. She invited Dr. Christopher to speak at this time. (See Faculty report below.) Executive committee reports followed.

**Vice President's Report-** Bev Beveridge spoke of a possible return of MAST events to the former Gibbs Hall. She has a connection to the new operator of the facility and he is actively seeking to book future events.

**Recording Secretary-** No report

**Corresponding Secretary-** Peg Berry reported receiving a note of thanks from Michael Ray for the PTSA scholarship money he had been awarded over the summer.

**Treasurer's Report-** Cheryl Lambert presented a financial statement which showed assets totaling \$88,316.83. As of September 30, 2011 the Money Market account had a balance of \$54,919.26 and the checking account balance was \$33,3797.57. Cheryl stated that she had signed off on PTSA related tax returns.

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

1. The existence of a MAST "postsecret" website, which had been posting inappropriate material about the school community. Dr. Christopher said he had spoken with the moderators of the site and he made clear the legal consequences for any future involvement. The situation was also addressed with each class by Ms. Valenzuela and the class advisors. Dr. Christopher advised parents to be vigilant in checking the content of the site, which is now password protected.
2. The District Computer Policy was amended and accepted at the second reading/review on 10/18/11. An important consequence of this is that personal computers and wireless internet devices have been approved for use at school. Guidelines for class and campus usage will be established in an ongoing manner.
3. Dr. Christopher is awaiting current pricing on the purchase of campus furniture. The Park Service has given their approval. The installation project will hopefully begin in the spring of 2012. With regards to the outdoor campus furniture, a motion was made and carried to allocate \$11,000 of PTSA funds to be spent on this outdoor furniture.

**Committee Reports:**

**Driver's Education-** There is still no chairperson and the program needs to begin in February, 2012.

**Hospitality-** Trude Arnette reported the committee had an active fall season. They were involved in the series of Open House presentations, the MCVSD District PTSA meeting, Back to School night, and the back to school Teachers Breakfast.

**Barnes & Noble-** Ed Failla reported that the bookfair was set for December 15th and would run from 9am to 10pm. Parent volunteers were needed to oversee the Howell and Freehold locations, as he had the Holmdel and Eatontown stores covered.

**Gift Auction-** Debbie Slook, Iris Marketta and Sheila Daly reported that a final head count for Branches is due on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for inclusion in the brochure will be November 9<sup>th</sup> as well. The committee was looking for volunteers to help in a final wrapping of gifts and for the setup at Branches on the morning of the event (11/18). Sellers the night of the auction were also needed.

**Super Raffle-** No report.

**Clothing-** Laura Menna reported that approximately \$700 in merchandise was sold at the Spaghetti Dinner and Back to School night. Also \$100 in merchandise was donated for a PTSA Gift Auction basket.

**Directory/Membership-** Angela Sabitini reported a net income of \$4775 (\$5575 - \$800 directory printing cost) for Directory/Membership this year. This shows an increase of \$1235 over last year's net income of \$3540 (\$4140 -\$600 printing cost).

**Picnic-** No report.

**Scholarship-** A motion was approved to spend a total of \$10,000 on scholarships for the Class of 2012.

**Spaghetti Dinner-** The dinner was held on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Carol Corbett presented a report of the event. A profit of \$305 was realized. Advance sales were \$1070 and sales at the door were \$375. Carol made several suggestions about food donations and purchases, and strongly recommends considering dropping the Spaghetti Dinner in the future because of the amount of work involved, small profit, but especially declining attendance of the event.

**SAT/PSAT-** No report.

**Graduation-** It was reported that volunteers will be needed the day of graduation.

**Sunshine-** No report.

**Rude Awakening-** No report.

**Old Business-**

1. Jill discussed that the Open House presentations this fall were well attended. PTSA representatives spoke at each of the sessions.

2. There was discussion of the outdoor furniture purchase (see related information in the Faculty Report).

**New Business-**

1. There was discussion of our mailing costs. Sheila Daly will check into non-profit mailing costs, and do an analysis of projected costs and possible savings to the PTSA. She will report her findings at the next PTSA meeting.

2. After discussion, Gail Sanguedolce volunteered to look into the A+ School Rewards program offered by Stop&Shop and will report back

3. Jill asked if there was any interest in pursuing a Post Prom alternative for our students for after the Naval Ball (as a follow-up to Dr. Christopher's discussion of the topic at our 10/11/11 meeting)? As there was no interest, this was dropped.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at MAST at 7:00PM.

Submitted by,  
Barry McCabe  
Recording Secretary