

**Mt. Lebanon High School PTSA
General Meeting**

29 April 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 1:08 pm, 3rd VP Bonnie Dougherty presiding; Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes to stand as presented

President's Report: Bonnie Dougherty

Updates from Meeting with Dr. Davis - Music trip to Disney; Dr. Thompson officially promoted to Principal at SB mtg.; at the 45-day mark so important for seniors to not be suspended because then no participation in the many activities upcoming and graduation; and lastly the issue of library books at MMS, JMS, HS - there is a policy guiding the picking of new materials as well as if there is a dispute regarding keeping any item, the books in question at SB mtg were very low check-out items but followed the selection policy (policy IJ)

Spring Fling is one week away.

State exemptions to tests - a medical excuse for day of test, but religious exemption needs to be submitted prior to test date. District needs to have 95% participation; there are 54 Waterfront Learning students who will go to their home building to test. Swastika graffiti, 1 culprit confirmed so far.

Thank you to Dr. Thompson for all his efforts to help during the Music Disney trip, he manned the phones and assisted at all hours over those several days.

Council Update - plan for next year's Board is still unsure, there is a need for a President Georgia Pogue scholarship was decided by a completely blind review of candidates, 9 individuals were picked and will be notified. If those students agree to be photographed or have names shared they will appear in the upcoming newsletter.

Spring Fling - volunteers are needed!

Student Activities: Brittany Pack - 750 tickets sold so far for Spring Fling, Prom dance agreements continue to be picked up at AO and attendance looks strong.

NEED for Prom volunteers but also for cap & gown distribution and diploma prep (bagging) - please watch for volunteer sign-ups and help of you are able

Treasurer's Report: Jen Schubert

Cash balance and outgoing remains same currently

THREE changes were made to 2022-2023 Proposed Budget, that budget sits until May meeting, it can be changed at that time and then it gets confirmed at the September meeting.

No Reports from 1st VP, 2nd VP, Historian, Secretary, nor any Members-at-Large.

4th VP: Joel Thompson

Events since we last met: Spirit week occurs the week of April 4. Thank you so much to the PTSA and volunteers who came in each morning to serve the students breakfast. I know that the students who participated enjoyed the breakfast and time to eat with one another.

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony took place on April 7. 227 total students were inducted into the honor society. Congratulations to all of our new members.

Spring break came and went. I want to recognize all of our students for their tremendous effort leading up to the break. It was a long stretch with minimal days off but the students continued to work hard each day.

Upcoming events: The Art Show will take place on April 29 starting at 7:00PM.

The Spring Fling will occur on Saturday, April 30. The dance will take a similar format to the Homecoming Dance in the fall.

AP Exams begin the week of May 2. Students should check with their teachers for any available help or support to prepare for the exams.

Teacher and staff appreciation week occur the week of May 2. We thank all of our teachers and support staff who have worked so hard over the last years to provide a high-quality experience for all students despite the challenges created by the pandemic.

Our Musical, the Adam's Family, will premiere on Thursday, May 5. Annually the musical is a wonderful experience for the many students involved and the audience who gets to enjoy it. Thank you to Mr. LaPlaca, Ms. Majetic, Mrs. Kapron, Mr. Reichenfeld, Mr. Kuhar, and Mr. Stoklosa for all of their hard work to put the show together.

Keystone exams will begin the week of May 16. Families of students who are testing should receive a letter in US mail detailing the tests their children will take. Additional information will be emailed to families outlining the 10:00 starts for non-tested students. • Literature- May 16 & 18 • Algebra I- May 19-20 • Biology- May 23-24 Senior finals will take place on May 25. On this day, only students taking finals report to the building. Final exams for all students will take place on May 31 and June 1. On these days, only students taking finals report to the building. Finals will resume full pre-pandemic expectations. commencement will occur on Wednesday, June 1 at 7:00 PM in the stadium. In case of severe inclement weather, raindates were established (June 2nd and 3rd as needed).

3rd VP, Bonnie added a THANKYOU to faculty who oversee Academic Games - all the way to Nationals again. These are high school teachers and they coach and supervise a team ranging from grades 4 thru 12. Impressive work.

Committee Reports:

Prom - snacks, chaperones, volunteers, set-up is at 6:00pm, Allison Carey is overseeing set-up and parents without seniors are encouraged to volunteer in any way they are able so families can be home to take photos and to see their students off for the evening
Brittany Pack - newsletter blurb includes a weekly link for volunteers!

SRO Report - none

Faculty Rep Report: Lia, (shared notes with Bonnie ahead of meeting) - Model UN did well, Art Show coming up and Percussion Concerts upcoming too

General question, topic raised at middle school PTA - where do current 8th graders find out about HS sports and activities which begin prior to school year? Is there a one-stop location for information? Athletics webpage does not seem up-to-date. What about new-to-district kids or those who have not previously been in the stream of soccer or Rec league ball, where should they look for info?

NEW Business:

Bylaws: Jean Thomas presented updated bylaws, a motion to amend the revision and a second to that motion were provided by Natalie Kukla and Kelly Latona; the Ayes have it.

Motion to approve new Bylaws and a second to that motion were provided by Kelly Latona and Jen Schubert; the Ayes have it.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14pm

Attendance: Mary Roman, Natalie Kukla, Joel Thompson, Jean Thomas, Bonnie Dougherty, Kelly Latona, Jen Schubert On Zoom: Brittany Pack

DRAFT Minutes prepared by Natalie Kukla