

UHS PTSO Minutes
September 8, 2022

Present: Molli Hamilton, Kim Greene, Kendryn McDonough, Sarah Woodrum Pilgrim, Kari Byers, Amanda Kessler, Kyle Patterson, Katrina Cimorelli, Teddy Stewart, Lisa Travis, Mariana William, Mary William

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Molli Hamilton at 6:04pm

Secretary Report and Approval of the minutes- Minutes from the April ____ 2022 meeting were presented and approved as presented.

Old Business

LCIS

- Mrs. Greene discussed how many people we need on the committee, and it was decided that Molli Hamilton, Sarah Woodrum and Kendryn McDonough would remain on LCIS as 2nd year representatives. Kari Byers will join for her 1st year of a 2-year term. Mrs. Greene clarified that parent representatives need to live within the school's district, in order to participate.

Sign on Pt Marion Road

- The committee decided that when this topic was originally brought up by Mrs. Oiler, it was a bigger issue because the BFS was not located at the corner of Bakers Ridge Road and Point Marion Road. Now that people have the BFS as a landmark, it does not appear that we need the sign anymore for directional purposes. However, the committee did choose to table the topic and revisit it if directions and where to turn remain a problem.

Fundraising

- Kendryn reported that at the beginning of this year, a fundraising letter and volunteer packet information went into backpacks. There were approximately 1,000 forms that were distributed. The volunteers who signed up for committees will be entered into a spreadsheet and presented at the next PTSO meeting.
- Kendryn brought up the idea of doing a sign-up genius for different committees to get more representation and participation. We need more parent volunteers.
- The committee also discussed the possibility of asking the National Honor Society members to stuff envelopes for our fundraiser and the members can count it as community service hours.

Wall of Excellence

- Mrs. Farley has picked out a wall in the cafeteria as a recognition wall. The work will need to be done to decorate but we have the space picked out.

New Business

- NONE

Committee Reports

Beautification Committee

- It was reported that Jennifer Brandt plans to do wreaths in the front and the back of the school. They should be pine swag with UHS ribbon which are more holiday neutral. The committee discussed the need to move toward more holiday neutral décor since not everyone celebrates Christmas.
- Another option that was brought up is to not take away the Christmas wreaths but instead to add non-Christian holiday decorations. Follow-up is needed with Jennifer Brandt who was not present at the meeting.

Career Enrichment

- Mary Warden and Bethany have been championing this initiative. PLT time during the day is one vehicle to explore career enrichment. There is much to do in this area, but we need a chairperson for this committee.

Lucy's Dreamweavers

- Stacey Harper is the chair of this committee but was not present. Bethany anticipates there will be 20 families that will need assistance. Amy Golden is the outreach coordinator.
- There are specific requests for certain items and it was discussed that we could create a sign-up genius for parents to donate. Items needed include food, hygiene products, cloths, makeup and school supplies.
- Perhaps more can be done to advertise this need on our social media accounts
- It was discussed that we also need a calendar of events so that people know when these events will take place.

Social Media

- Chairperson is be Charmin Lorfald and Lisa Travis
- It was asked if Mrs Greene could put something in the school announcements promoting our Facebook Page and Instagram Account.

Senior Class Activities

- Need a chairperson for this committee
- The purpose of the committee is different than senior prom and after prom. That is done by a separate committee.

Public Relations Committee

- Nothing to report

Fundraising Committee

- Nothing to report

Teacher Appreciation Committee

- Kari Byers is the chair of this committee.
- Tiffany will coordinate but this will be done in the Fall during parent teacher conferences.
- There will also be a spirit event in the first week of May.
- Just a note that parent teacher conferences will be held on October 6th (4-7pm) and on November 9th (4-7pm)
- Question came up about whether we could do something culturally diverse.
- A sign-up genius was discussed for volunteers to bring different types of food (culturally diverse).
- Need to consider allergies for teachers (e.g. peppers, gluten and vegetarian)

Treasurer's Report

- Kendryn McDonough reported that we have revenue of \$21,319.85 total.
- Still waiting for \$5 membership fees from each PTSO board member.
- It was discussed spending some funds on teacher gift cards and something for the student of the month award. We also discussed funds that will be needed for the Wall of Excellence and a Club Wall.
- Finally, it was discussed that we are having issues with people paying by PayPal. Unfortunately, state code mandates that we can only use PayPal (not Venmo or Zelle).
- Budget was reviewed and approved.

After Prom

- Renting out the recreation center for after prom was discussed.
- The time discussed was 11pm-2am
- We will be having an after-prom event, but details are yet to come.
- We have \$3,000 as of now for the event.
- Businesses and families need to be approached for fundraising.
- Could the Mountainlair be used and would it be cheaper?
- Prom will be May 6, 2023 at the Waterfront.

Administration Report

- Mrs. Greene provided an update.
- Weapons Detector is going well in terms of morning rush. They have had approximately 20 people on duty for the entrance to school.
- The school administration is working hard to create a positive school climate but want kids to feel accountable so there are great efforts to give them deadlines and make them stick.
- The new policies surrounding dress code and cell phone usage was discussed and appears to be going well.
- A new incentive program was discussed, and criteria was unveiled. These include in and out of school incentives and these points accumulate and are rewarded at the end of the 9 week period. For example, a gold award is given to students who have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA with zero unexcused absences and zero tardies. A red card is awarded is

students maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and only 1 unexcused absence. Lifetouch is donating gift cards. Students are reminded of ways to lose the cards. The last card is given in June and will be good for the summer.

- Homecoming dance will be held on 10/8/22 at the school gymnasium. The homecoming football game will be on October 7, 2022.

Student Report

- Kyle Patterson is the student body president and our student representative. He talked about spirit week plans.

Next meeting

- Molli Hamilton announced that the next meeting will be held on October 20, 2022 at 6pm in the UHS library.
- The LCIS will meet quarterly.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Kendryn McDonough and seconded by Kari Byers.