

Mt. Lebanon High School
PTSA General Meeting
January 4, 2023 1pm
Minutes

- I. Call to Order meeting called to order at 1:04pm by Jean T
- II. Student Activities Report Brittany Pack
1. November Jr class held a food drive collecting tons of food and \$300. Jr class also held a mug sale which was pretty profitable
 2. December Holiday Show we raised over \$4000 20 student acts and 1 teacher act. We would like to try to return the participation to pre covid levels.
 3. January Student Council will be involved In a workshop with one of this past years' Great Alumni Award recipients to promote community and connections within the student body. Details are as follows:
 - a. Dr Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough '67 will meet with the General Student Council on Thursday, January 26. She will walk students through an assessment to analyze their leadership styles before breaking out into groups of three to discuss three key questions regarding their homeroom community experience. Students will use tools like Mentimeter to share out their answers in real time before a more detailed share-out with the whole group. The homework will be to try one of the tools in homeroom, then report back to the Student Council Schoology about their attempts. This meeting was planned in collaboration with the Senior Executive Council. While Dr. Kraetsch Hartsough is with us for the January meeting, this is part of an ongoing effort to empower students to build up the collective high school community and a unified identity in what it means to be Lebo. Dr. Kraetsch Hartsough is the founder and CEO of KH Consulting in L.A., sits on the board of many women's leadership groups throughout the nation, and is a 2022 Mt Lebanon Great Alumni Winner.
 4. Feb Snowball Dance theme is Candyland and we will be introducing My School Dance for ticket sales and signing of paperwork. We will still offer paper tickets that can be bought at AO office.
- III. Teacher Representative April McCracken
- All my announcements will be going out in a newsletter that will be sent out soon Here are the highlights. Please check it out in the newsletter for pictures.
1. Mr. Reichenfeld would like to thank the WVU string faculty for visiting orchestra classes on Dec 15th for a master class.
 2. Mrs. Jones from yearbook wants everyone to know that 150 pages of the yearbook have been completed and to please order soon. Prices will go up. Senior tribute orders are due Feb 10. Email her with questions bjones@mtlsd.net
 3. Mr. DiNardo shared that AP Gov class typically volunteers each year with an activity that honors the victims of the Tree of Life. This year they were unable to participate in this year instead they volunteered on Dec 6 w Global Links along with the global Studies program. They raised funds for Success for All and Hello Neighbor.
 4. Mrs. Meer please join the Stem Academy
 5. Mrs. Glover wants to congratulate our High Q team in their victory over Fox Chapel and Trinity Catholic. The team consisted of Tessa Ternullo, Vishnu Venugopal and Trenton Wood.

IV. Treasurer's Report Allison Carey
Membership and donations are down from last year. We are approximately \$1100 down and 100 fewer members than we budgeted for. The bank reversed the charges that were noted last time as long as we did online statements. PAYPAL will no longer be supported by membership Toolkit so we need to figure out how to proceed with collection of funds. We can discuss with new business.

V. Executive Committee Reports

a. President

Jean Thomas

- December secondary Presidents meeting things discussed include teen screen is double opt in both parents and student need to agree, the email has gone out about them, 2nd booster clinic was held primarily elementary level @400 kids served, Middle States Accreditation used to just be the HS now the whole district will go through the process in the spring, ALICE training has expanded to include coaches and community members 3 trainings have already occurred goal is to get everyone using similar language and aware. There will be a collaboration between HS and elementary with environmental/green initiatives.

b. 1st VP

Bonnie Dougherty

- Parent University is back this year in person. Please send me suggestions for topics that they can cover.

c. 2nd VP

Lauren Gano

- nothing

d. 3rd VP

Colleen Frank

- Unable to be here but reports we need volunteers for Snowball and to chair Prom

e. 4th VP

Joel Thompson

- Fine Arts Students have been performing Music concerts, Orchestra, Band and Percussion were all before break, choir is this week and dance company is soon also
- Holiday show was wonderful
- Exams will be held January 18 & 19. Schedule was just released Semester ends on Jan 20th. Spring semester begins on January 24, Feb 6 is last day to add or drop a class
- Curriculum Night is Jan 26 we invite rising 8th graders and parents to the HS to learn about class options, elective class fair is in Center Court, Teachers will be available in C building. The presentation will be livestreamed. We are also trying to have teachers do a virtual course catalog set to be released on Jan 27.

- Course registration will begin Jan 27. New course catalogs will be out soon both online and/or paper copies at guidance. Course selection will begin 1/27 at 8am and will close Feb 6.

f. Secretary Kelly Latona

- We need to approve the minutes from both December and November. Motion to accept minutes as written made by Bonnie D and seconded by Lauren G. Minutes will stand as written.

g. Historian Natalie Kukla

- Unable to be here but has received all the past documents from the prior historian and VP Mary Roman which she is currently scanning and digitizing.

h. Board Members At-Large Stephanie Fedro-Byrom and Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer

VI. Committee Reports

Discussion on what is involved in being Prom Coordinator and potential people to chair

VII. SRO Report

Officer Henley

Unable to be at meeting dt conflict

VIII. Old Business

a. None

IX. New Business

Unable to vote today dt no quorum we will table nominating committee until next meeting

a. Teacher Wish List requests

b. Nominating Committee

c. Discussion about what to do with PAYPAL account. Membership Toolkit is no longer supporting PAYPAL as of January 2023 so we cannot use it as a direct payment method for membership or donations. Will talk to other PTA presidents/treasurers about what how they are transitioning. Bulk of membership and donations have been collected so 1 option mentioned is to manually add anyone new or only do check or cash and shut down PAYPAL option for the rest of this current year, come up new option for new school year.

d. Discussion about increasing funding for PTSA dt historical loss of funds and members. Discussion about involving the students more and potentially running a spirit ware sale where the students could design new elementary t-shirts for each elementary building to be worn for spirit assemblies and include an option for transfer students who don't identify with a MTL elementary school

X. Announcements

a. Feb 1 1 pm D 205

XI. Adjournment

XII. Attendance in person Joel Thompson, Lauren Ganoë, April McCracken, Brittany Pack, Stephanie Fedro-Byrom, Bonnie Dougherty, Jean Thomas, Allison Carey, Kelly Latona