

Mt Lebanon High School  
PTSA General Meeting

April 19, 2023 1 pm

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:07pm by Jean T

II. Student Activities Report

Student Council Member/ Brittany

(Pack)Tonkavich

Spirit week and Spirit Assembly was held recently highlight Mrs. Checque joined student band Avalanche for a performance. It is now Senior season, Sr meeting held this am to inform students of activities and repercussions for making bad choices at this time of year.

III. Teacher Representative

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- a. CalcuSolve Congratulate Soham Dam for his individual 1<sup>st</sup> place win in competition. Soham and team members Lucian Mikush, Jessie Yang, and Jerry Wu won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in team score. Katie Ding, Vivian Luo, Clara Sun and Sally Tan also turned in excellent scores.
- b. National History Day Competition theme: Frontiers in history. Freshmen Santiago Lozada, Johnathon Ramachandran and Duncan Wooldridge created a website to demonstrate their research on So American Revolutions. Freshman Sam Wetzel earned an excellent score for his research on how sports analytics have changed the game of baseball. JT Westwood and Trenton Wood earned second place and a spot in state competition w their project Battle Cry of Freedom: How Black Soldiers Pushed the Frontier of Civil Rights
- c. MTLHS Hackathon: Coding Club founding members Felix Yang, Alek Stefanov, Sig Kukla, Clara Sun and Sally Tan and members planned the first ever MTL Hackathon for middle school students. Lessons include Python, Edison Robots, and game design. 12 JMS students and 14 MMS students participated. Special thanks to all the faculty and staff that helped make this a success
- d. ACS Chemistry Olympiad: 19 students participated at CMU. Lucian Mikush, and Soham Dam qualified to participate in National Chemistry Olympiad in April. 20 Top scoring students from the national exam will spend 2 weeks at a study camp. Participants included Adelaide Jones, Anouk Ritivoi, Ashley Dick, Autumn Dowiak, Clara Sun, Elena Tattel, Ella Winters, Jessica Yang, Leni McCann, Lucian Mikush, Mae Cano, Maeve

McNamee, Michael Bockstaller, Moushumi Huffman, Soham Dam, Sophia Pan, Thomas Harrold, Tiffany Wang, Aisha Sarabekova.

- e. Orchestra 100 students performed at Lincoln Center in NYC at the Julliard School at National Orchestra Cup; 7 students are headed to All State Orchestra including Kylie Bryer, Felix, Yang, Lucian Mikush, Amanda Green, Nathaniel Parsons, Kevin Oxenreiter and Martina Jarek. Lucian Mikush and Eirene Paliouras will perform with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in the annual side by side concert in April. Soham Dam was selected to perform at the Pittsburgh Concert Society's Concert in April.
- f. Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair held at CMU 6 students participated August Zentner earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in chemistry and \$300 prize and Aidan Hall won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Chemistry and \$150 prize.
- g. Pittsburgh Penguins Tech Academy: 3 Lebo HS Devon Williams, Mathieu Williams, and Alex Maxim earned "Technologists of the Year" for a project that utilizes technology to improve the fan experience at the Pittsburgh Penguins games.
- h. Continuing Education: The MTLFD is offering a free course on fire safety and the Continuing Education Dept is offering summer health course and driver education.
- i. Writing Lab: Mrs. Shine has held over 500 writing conferences in addition to the countless senior application essays. We are very proud of her incredible devotion to skill development of our writers

IV. Treasurer's Report Allison Carey

See attached report

V. Executive Committee Reports

a. President Jean Thomas

- i. Met with Dr Davis and secondary presidents this past week topics include district application for Flexible Instruction Days (FID) awaiting state approval.
- ii. Curriculum Council Meeting is tomorrow for 2024-25 school year transcript changes will be discussed along with additional classes to be added potential for Ap African Studies.
- iii. Reassignment of Mr. Gray from JMS to assist Dr Giehll on Special Educ team. Mr. Gray is the dept chair for Special Ed.
- iv. Lebo Ascend has 3 new surveys online for April, Update on Special Ed Director candidates have interviewed but no offers have been made yet.

b. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bonnie Dougherty

- i. Reflections: 2 High Schoolers have made it to nationals for Reflections. Ben Mares for photography and Addie Alexander for Music Composition

- ii. Staff Appreciation May 12 BBQ on C20 patio
- iii. Georgia Pogue Recipients have been chosen they will be recognized at Senior Awards Night and at Council PTA meeting both on May 24
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Lauren Ganoe  
No report
- d. 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Colleen Frank
  - i. Colleen not able to attend but Bonnie able to give update. Thank you to volunteers for Class Breakfasts. Prom Volunteers are needed to set up and decorate and we still need chaperones.

e. 4<sup>th</sup> VP Joel Thompson  
Spirit week occurred the week of March 27. 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 March 30. 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.

The Art Show took place on March 31. It was a great turnout. Thank you to the students for their hard work and Mrs. Rodriguez and Mr. Kuhar for their effort.

Upcoming events:

AP Exams begin the week of May 1. Students should check with their teachers for any available help or support to prepare for the exams.

Teacher and staff appreciation week is upcoming. 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 Little Mermaid, debuts April 27. 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. Tieman, 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 15. Families of students who are testing should receive correspondence detailing the tests their children will take. Additional information will be emailed to families outlining the 10:00 starts for non-tested students.

- Algebra I- May 15 & 17
- Biology- May 18-19
- Literature- May 22-23

Senior finals will take place on May 31. On this day, only students taking finals report to the building.

Final exams for all students will take place on June 5-6. On these days, only students taking finals report to the building.

Commencement will occur on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 PM in the stadium. In case of severe inclement weather, a raindate of June 7 was communicated with families.

- f. Secretary Kelly Latona
  - i. Approve last months minutes- no objections minutes stand as written. Thank you Natalie for taking notes
- g. Historian Natalie Kukla
  - i. Everything has been scanned into google drive
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Members at Large Stephanie Fedro-Byrom and Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer
  - b. Prom Stephanie Fedro-Byrom
  - c. Staff Appreciation Bonnie Dougherty May 12
  - d. Reflections Ben Dougherty
- VII. SRO Report Officer Henley
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. Approve slate

The slate of officers can be voted on in its entirety by voice vote. Motion made by Jean to approve the following slate of officers, seconded by Bonnie. All in favor, no opposed.

Slate approved

President Jean Thomas

1<sup>st</sup> VP Bonnie Dougherty

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Colleen Frank

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Carol Rossetti

Treasurer Allison Carey

Secretary Kelly Latona

Historian Natalie Kukla
  - b. Software MemberHub training this week. We will still need a Stripe Acct and will need to close PayPal but let's wait
- IX. New Business
  - a. Draft Budget- attached will sit for 30 days vote on it at next meeting
  - b. Budget Variance instrument fund Jean made motion to add \$50 to district instrument fund, seconded by Bonnie

c. Spend down class enrichment fund

Ideas: Chill Van mobile mental health partnership w AGH and penguins was at MES for a week feedback was positive. Wil look into it further. More logistics info needed before Dr Thompson can approve. Talk to teachers in small groups at staff appreciation lunch to see what they would like

X. Announcements

a. Upcoming meeting 1pm in D205

i. Wednesday May 17

XI. Adjournment at 2:28pm motion made by Kelly, seconded by Bonnie

XII. Attendance Carol Rossetti, Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer, Natalie Kukla, Lia Christulides, Brittany Pack Tonkavich, Jean Thomas, Bonnie Dougherty,

*Current budget 7400*  
*Current 200*  
*Shelby*

**MT. LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA  
PROPOSED BUDGET  
JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024**

<b>INCOME</b>			
Cash Balance from Prior Year	\$	6,287	Proposed Balance
Membership Income		7,250	Based on 250@525, 100@510
State Dues		(2,363)	\$6.75
Council Dues		(175)	\$0.50
Georgia Pogue		(350)	\$1.00
Donations		3,000	Reduced from \$4000
Interest Income		5	
Miscellaneous		-	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,655</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Program Expenses</b>			
Class Enrichment Fund	\$	2,000	\$400 Open House reallocated here
Class Gifts		850	
Devil's Advocate Sponsorship		250	
Faculty Breakfast		300	
Health Office Supplies		100	
MtLHS Library		200	
Mt Lebanon Public Library Donation		50	
Instrument Fund		50	Reintroduced to the budget
School Enrichment (Class B'Yasts)		300	Reduced from \$1500 to reflect government breakfast program
Angel Fund (SEA)		1,200	
Angel Fund (Other)		450	
Staff Appreciation		600	Reduced from \$1000 to reflect current trend
	Sub-total	6,350	
<b>Operational Expenses</b>			
Council Installation Luncheon		80	
Council Unit Obligations		120	
Insurance		200	
Joint Board Meeting		100	
Mailing-Communications		150	Reduced from \$550, Membership Toolkit cancelled <i>7400</i>
Officers' Expenses		75	
PayPal Fees		200	Decreased from \$500 due to account status change
Carryforward to FY 2025		6,380	
	Sub-total	7,305	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,655</b>	
<b>Budget in Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(0)</b>	

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Kelly Latona, Allison Carey, Joel Thompson

**MT. LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
19-Apr-23**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Cash Balance from Prior Year	6,287.26	6,287.26	0.00
Membership Income	5,755.00	11,000.00	(5,245.00)
State Dues	(1,425.00)	(2,500.00)	1,075.00
Council Dues	(142.50)	(250.00)	107.50
Georgia Pogue	(301.00)	(500.00)	199.00
Donations	3,074.14	4,000.00	(925.86)
Interest Income	0.21	5.00	(4.79)
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Total Income</i>	<u>13,248.11</u>	<u>18,042.26</u>	<u>(4,794.15)</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Program Expenses</b>			
Class Enrichment Fund	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Class Gifts	850.00	850.00	0.00
Devil's Advocate Sponsorship	250.00	250.00	0.00
Faculty Breakfast	221.00	300.00	79.00
Health Office Supplies	0.00	100.00	100.00
MtLHS Library	0.00	200.00	200.00
Mt Lebanon Public Library Donation	50.00	50.00	0.00
Open House	0.00	0.00	0.00
School Enrichment (Class B'fasts)	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Angel Fund (SEA)	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Angel Fund (Other)	149.00	450.00	301.00
Staff Appreciation	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<i>Sub-total</i>	<u>1,520.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>5,980.00</u>
<b>Operational Expenses</b>			
Council Installation Luncheon	0.00	80.00	80.00
Council Unit Obligations	120.00	120.00	0.00
Insurance	179.00	200.00	21.00
Joint Board Meeting	0.00	100.00	100.00
Mailing-Communications	450.00	550.00	100.00
Officers' Expenses	0.00	75.00	75.00
PayPal & Bank Fees	(59.07)	500.00	559.07
Cash Balance/Carryforward to FY 2024	0.00	8,917.00	8,917.00
<i>Sub-total</i>	<u>689.93</u>	<u>9,852.07</u>	<u>9,852.07</u>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>2,209.93</u>	<u>15,832.07</u>	<u>15,832.07</u>
<i>Ending Cash, 04/19/23</i>	<u>11,038.18</u>		