

Mt Lebanon High School PTSA General Meeting

September 24, 2024 Library 7pm

Minutes

Call to order at 7:01pm by Jean T

New Faculty- Dr Thompson introduced faculty new to MTLHS and the district.

- Brett McCutcheon-new band teacher graduated from Slippery Rock University for music education. Also has experience w Vault Recording studio (family business) and music technology.
- Adrian Foley- Spanish teacher new to HS but not to the district.

Student Council/Student Activities- Brittany Tonkavich

- Traditional activities so far:
- Link Crew has been having a big showing
- Senior song- Vienna by Billy Joel
- Student Council-HR reps chosen, student council elections will be this week, Thursday is 1st leadership day, interest in SC is growing Frosh had 18 candidates for 8 positions, we will be hold PASC convention here March 17
- Boat ride- 381 tickets sold
- Activities Day was Friday 76 clubs were represented, using a QR code to sign up, new clubs include Music Appreciation and Marching Design Club
- Homecoming game Oct 4 w Great Alumni Luncheon and Presentation
- HOCO dance Oct 19 theme City of Stars- dance agreements on dashboard, HOCO court vote this week
- Great Alumni awards Recipients
 - Dr Laura Catena (1996)-veterinarian who developed ArmOR Hand Glove to safely handle animals
 - Paige Kassalen 2011-female engineer and champion for women in Stem
 - Sarah Silver Manzke 2004- professional violinist who helped found, Agarita, a nonprofit bringing music and art to San Antonio, TX for free
 - Lynn Scarlett 1967 recently retired from Nature Conservancy (Global Chief External Affairs Officer) and was deputy Secretary and COO for Dept of the Interior working on conservation

Treasurer's Report-

Most of our money coming in is from membership and donations, 69 teacher partnerships and \$2000 in donations. We have written checks for all our obligations including Council, State and National PTA Dues, MTL Library donation, Music/ Instrument Fund

Executive Committee Reports

President's Report

From September Council meeting

- a. Dr Friez reviewed her goals for the school year- on the district website
- b. Dr Davis-
 - Moment of silence will be held in schools on Sept 11 state signed into law
 - RAIL program- we are 1 of 50 founding schools (Readiness for AI Learning)
 - Evacuation Drills are occurring
 - All State testing is going digital by 2026
 - New Scoreboard at HS was donated by unnamed donor, so no money from school budget used, is being used by all sports, will be able to run ads and is currently student led/ driven
- c. Council Budget was approved
- d. Discussion about potential National PTA TikTok presentation to be held at HS - was denied by council
- e. Community Partner Updates

Artist Market is this weekend, Municipality is holding consults about permits- 1st of the month, leaf pick up will start at beginning of Oct, Trick or Treat is Oct 31 6pm-8pm, Pumpkin Patch Parade Oct 26, Fire Dept- it is gas leak month they will come out, don't park on dry leaves- fire hazard, Library- lots of great programming

1st VP- Marisa

Membership- 267 members 188 single, 79 student

2nd VP- Elizabeth- nothing

3rd VP- Carol- sign ups have been created

4th VP- Dr Thompson

- Started a week earlier but by Sept 1 everyone was in a routine
- Open House was last week, went well
- Middle States RAIL program- MTL was one of first 50 schools to pilot the program how to help schools adjust to AI and we have received an endorsement so we are the only public school in the world w this certification. Staff training began in August and hope to have documentation to families in Oct
- Sept 26 College Admissions and Financial Aide Presentation 7pm FAT- will be recorded and livestreamed
- Sept 28 Band Festival at stadium starts 5:30
- Oct 4 Great Alumni Event
- Oct 8 PSAT for 10th and 11th graders, 9th will do drug and alcohol/social media presentation "One Pill can Kill", 12th graders use for college prep activities- visits, work on essays and applications

- Oct 19 Homecoming Dance
- Unit 2 Assistant Principal position has been posted goal is to have person set for school board approval by Nov however Pa law that old school can hold teachers/administrators x 60 days, new person probably won't start until January
- Class Breakfast dates will be set- finalizing those now
- Parking Passes- we have 244 spots, first round of permits went out within the next week kids from the wait list should be getting notified

Secretary- Kelly approve minutes from last 2 months- no changes noted, will be filled as stated

Historian- Natalie- nothing to report

Committee Reports

- a. Class Chairs (Breakfasts) names listed on agenda are from prior year currently we have Caitlin Clark Frosh, Becki Campanero Soph, Marisa Hupe Jr, Bonnie Dougherty Sr, A few volunteers are pending date of activity will check back once date is finalized
- b. Prom Open
- c. Senior Picnic- Open
- d. Juvenile Protection- Open
- e. Staff Appreciation- Open
- f. Reflections- Ben Dougherty
- g. College Greeter- CharLynn Wertz- has already started works with guidance
- h. Newsletter- Kristin Meier has expressed interest
- i. Technology-Elizabeth
- j. Corporate Rewards- open

Old Business- none

New Business

- A. Wish list Requests possibly one from Mrs. Davenport re: camera for Journalism class unable to find request –Jean or Bonnie to follow up with her, discussion about prior request for knife sharpener- Dr Thompson is Ok with them getting one will need to be clarified as to is it a teacher use item or educational student use item
- B. Audit Report- the audit was completed by Robyn Williams a CPA, records complete and no recommendations at this time. Audit approved and filled
- C. Budget Variance
 - a. After the Audit was completed it was found that 2 checks still have not cleared 1 for state PTA for awards and 1 for MTL food services for teacher appreciation. Multiple calls have been made to state without return call. The second check was deemed lost, cancelled and was reissued.

- b. Also noted after our budget was drafted was an increase in membership toolkit fees and miscalculation of state and national dues was noted. These have now been corrected in the budget.
- c. Marissa made motion Kelly 2nd to accept the budget variances as explained by Bonnie. All in favor no opposed. Motion carries.

Announcements

2024-2025 meeting schedule- currently scheduled for 1pm in room D205

Thurs Oct 24

Thursday Dec 5

Thursday Jan 9

Thursday Feb 13

Wednesday March 19

Thursday April 24

Tuesday May 27

Adjourned 8:35 pm

Attendance-Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer, Carol Rossetti, Marissa Hupe, Bonnie Dougherty, Jean Thomas, Kelly Latona, Brittany Tonkavich, Joel Thompson, Brett McCutcheon, Natalie Kukla