

Milwaukee High School of the Arts

PTSO Minutes – May 4, 2009

16 people in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Bookkeeper not available so no report available. PTSO account balance is unknown. Parents expressed that this is unacceptable. Ms. Adair advised bookkeeper reports seeing Target checks but does not know where they are located. Discussion about opening separate PTSO bank account. BA did not think this was a good idea in September but getting info has been continuously difficult. MC will explore option of opening bank account with two signers – mentioned TCF bank as good option for business account due to accessibility on weekends / evenings, JR will contact Vince Katter to explore if PTSO funds can be held in CARS account as separate line item.

Rexnord Honors Breakfast: Ms. Balistreri shared details of event being held Friday, May 22nd. Approximately 300 students receiving award, estimate 500 people will attend. Ms. B orders food for event from Sentry on State St. Parents suggested checking with Bunzel's and Cash & Carry. Fruit was issue last year – kids helped themselves and supply was depleted before all through line. Suggestions included doing fruit bowl instead of platters or putting in cups ahead of time. Add bagels to the offering. ND to check with Einstein's on 27th & Oklahoma and DV to check with Einstein's on Oakland for end of day bagels 5/21.

Help is needed that morning with pouring juice/milk, serving fruit, restocking items, etc. Will run two stations again this year – need signs directing people to enter cafeteria thru 23rd St. side. A couple volunteers needed at 7:30 to start coffee, servers needed by 8 a.m. Volunteers inquired whether seats could be saved for them in the auditorium. Ms. Adair to check with Ms. Strube or Ms. Craine to see if first three rows of balcony can be roped off for volunteers.

New Student Orientation: Tuesday, May 19th 5:30 p.m. start. There are 273 new students. ND and AK will speak to parents in auditorium to promote PTSO. PTSO was requested to provide refreshments and volunteers to greet at entrances. MWL will coordinate food and DV will coordinate greeters. Following individuals offered to bring items: MC – pretzels/cheese, ND – celery/carrots/broccoli, DV – water and soda. Ms. Adair will check if reimbursement available.

SR will set up PTSO table in cafeteria. AK to create form to collect new student info: parent/student names, phone number, email addresses, art major. Forms to be distributed by tour group leaders. Give away umbrella or t-shirt as incentive to turn in slips at PTSO table. Find out if CV is available to sell spirit wear.

Monetary Requests from Staff: Due to PTSO financial information unavailable, request with immediate need processed and additional requests to be discussed at June meeting. Also need to find out from Mr. Applewhite if there are other funding sources available for requests. There is currently a form being produced for staff requests to determine how/where requests should be distributed (CARS, SGC, PTSO, etc.). MG will send to Ms. Adair for review / approval.

- Miss Balistreri presented request for \$400 to supplement funds raised for overnight trip to Chicago Art Institute after AP exams 5/13. Families contributed where possible and also holding bake sale next two Wednesdays. Motion to approve request made and carried.
- Mr. Amaya requested \$400 via email to SR to purchase higher quality strings for better instruments (violin, viola, and cello strings). Money earned from WSMA earmarked for Music department but request tabled at this meeting due to PTSO parent email to SR with question about request – looking for additional info. SR to pass email along to Mr. Amaya. Request to be decided at June meeting.
- Mr. Drews requested approx. \$450 via email to Chris Wszalek to purchase site licenses for software for new media computer. Computer was purchased through funds received from proposal made to Donorschoose.com. Request to be decided at June meeting.

Title 1: Representatives not available. Follow up at next meeting.

End of Year Appreciation: Staff Appreciation on records day – June 17th. Last year held event off site. Discussed whether event should be held at school this year. Suggestion was made if on site to host BBQ. Ms. Adair to check with Mr. Applewhite to see if anything in the plans.

Outgoing senior volunteer parents "send-off". SR offered to host event at her home. Date to be determined. Requests some PTSO funds.

New Items/Miscellaneous:

- Open House date for 2009-2010 school year needed. Staff to vote on at next staff meeting. Ms. Adair will advise us of date.
- Ho-Chunk Nation donated \$1,000 to CARS for Nothing But Nets per request made by MHS NHS student.
- June 1st meeting possible location and/or date change. To be determined via email.

*Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m. Next meeting date Monday, June 1, 2009? *TIME/PLACE TBD
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