

**Milwaukee High School of the Arts
PTSO Minutes
October 6, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. 15 people in attendance.

Spirit Week: Ms. Bugni shared details of upcoming spirit week October 13th to the 16th.

- Homecoming Dance is scheduled for 10/17 but may be changed to 10/18 due to conflicts with athletic events.
- Date will be finalized by Wednesday, October 8th. Time will be 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. either date.
- Donations of pies, toilet paper, and baked goods are needed in addition to volunteers. Contact Ms. Bugni via email to bugnikl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us if you can donate time or goods.
- Ms. Adair advised that students cannot purchase Homecoming tickets if they have past due fees.

Open House: Report on event given by the Glaspey's. Staff absences discussed by group.

- Good cookout but attendance down this year - approx. 125 people served. Why? Reason partially due to theatre dept. trip, but also confusion as to the date of event, short timeframe. Still unsure if this is union defined date. Regardless, date for next year needs to be decided before this school year lets out to make this event worth the effort. No date in September is too early.
- BA asked if could offer staff cookout at n/c. Request was approved. JG suggested formal invitation next time.
- Due to low attendance, abundance of leftover food and paper goods. Paper goods added to supply in PTSO room, food donated to worthy cause. Investment of approx. \$700 put into event, \$210 collected at event. A request was made for reimbursement by the PTSO in the amount of \$250. Motion to approve reimbursement made and carried. Additional \$250 loss absorbed by the Glaspey family as donation. Thank you John and MJ!
- Staff absences without note on door source of frustration for parents. Ms. Adair noted concerns expressed.
- MJ Glaspey will type up notes on this event to pass on to next generation.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer advised via email out of town on business trip thru Friday. Balance sheet retrieved from PTSO mailbox. Current balance approx. \$3,700.

New Student Auditions: Discussion as to benefits of having spirit wear available during auditions. General consensus volunteer presence a plus for tentative new families. New parent suggested student visibility also a plus. Cindy Vian to coordinate volunteers. MJ created nametags for volunteers – located in PTSO room. We are organized. Nice touch!

- Wednesday, October 8, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – Natalie, Sally, John, MJ – location outside auditorium
- Wednesday, October 22, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.– MJ, John, Sally, Jackie – location by front door or in cafeteria
- Saturday, October 25, 8:45 to 11:00 a.m. – Cindy, Jackie, (your name here!), (and here!) – location by front door or in café

Box Office Volunteers: Chris Wszalek still in need of box office volunteers. List was emailed to PTSO parents and included in MHSA Week 6 email news blast. Art major parents please indicate your availability and also try to recruit parents from your majors. Sally Maddick will work Friday, October 10th Who Am I?

St. Olaf Concert Saturday 10/11: Sara has been putting much work into coordinating this event. Could still use another volunteer or two in the box office. Natalie is coordinating bake sale. Carts will be placed by conference room in office on Friday to collect treats or they can be brought in between 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

- Bake sale flyers to go out to Orchestra students on Tuesday 10/7 via Natalie's daughter & Mr. Amaya
- Milly will email flyer to Orchestra contact list from last year and will also contact Mr. Amaya to recruit MHSA quartets to play during dinner
- Ms. Adair will give info to Chris Wszalek to include in MHSA Week 7 email

Title 1 Report: Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. Anyone is welcome to attend. MHSA parent representative Veronica Sears shared information received at the Thursday, October 2nd meeting including many flyers of opportunities available for families and students. Ms. Adair will work with Mr. Wszalek to have him create a link on the MHSA website to the MPS website with this information.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Discussion was brought to the table to host some type of dinner for the staff on conference nights when they have to stay late at school. Many ideas were presented and it was decided that there is not enough time to pull something off for the October conferences, but we will be adding an agenda item at a future meeting to organize something for the spring conferences.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting date Monday, November 3, 2008.
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