

East Meck High School PTSO – ZOOM Meeting 02/15/2022 (7:45 am)

Attendance: (17)

Mary Beth Ausman, Carola Cárdenas, Cassidy Estes-Rogers, Jill Federal, Christine Haynes, Jyotsna Maid, S.Y. Mason Watson, LaSonya Moore, Ruth Nett, Genie Ombach, Maria Papanikolaou, Mary Rantala, Jamie Sheppard, Danielle Stallings, Nina Toth, Tara Zimmerman, Jennifer.

2) Approval of minutes:

- Approved. Minutes can be found on the PTSO website.

3) No Principal's Report:

4) Financial Report:

- Most activity happened through Direct Give campaign. Education Support TedEx line item might be used next year again. Ruth Nett will reach out to nurse Chrystal about line item for Health Room.
- **Teacher Grants:** Application from Theatre has been funded through East Meck foundation; a new French teacher will get support to attend additional training.
 - **Action: Should be further promoted through monthly newsletter.**
- Mr. Parker had suggested in a board meeting to use some funds to pay for a digital marquee (ours is beyond repair). S.Y. Mason-Watson, Cassidy Estes-Rogers, and Mary Beth Ausman will work together and investigate corporate funding/sponsorship for a “temporary” solution and work with Mr. Parker, before eventually a new marquee can be established by the district with the building of the new buildings of the school. Funds from teacher grant should not be used.
- **Direct Giving:** less than 50% of PTSO board members have donated. We need to establish a culture of knowing, that we try to collect \$10,000 + to support our teachers and the school community.

5) Nominations Committee Update

- Nominations committee started working by reaching out to current board members. They also received a good number of names for new members. Members of the nominations committee: Mary Beth-Ausman, Jyotsna Maid, S.Y. Mason-Watson, Chelsea Mellon, Genie Ombach. Contact them if you like to be involved.
- **Vote to change bylaws:** approved

- **Policy for nominations committee:** Some wording needs to be adjusted to “reflect demographic population of the East Meck High School student body and families.” Document will be updated, presented, and voted on at our next meeting.

6) Update Teacher Morale/Secret Santa/Staff Appreciation:

- **Secret Santa Hats** were distributed at the beautiful **Valentines breakfast** on Feb 14.



Thanks to all working together!!

- **Health supplies** from the district were distributed to teachers. Jill Federal found out that teacher’s orders from **Classroom Central** can be picked up by PTSO. She designed a flyer to inform teachers and is willing to coordinate. **Thanks Jill !!**

7) Update from Student Services:

- What to know information is up to date on the website. Reminder for a virtual student registration night (Tue, Feb 15 from 6-7 pm on Zoom)

8) Grants update:

- We were not chosen for the Charlotte beautification grant but received another proposal to apply for a grant to cover the approx. \$3,000 for the 8 picknick tables to upgrade the inner courtyard as additional dining/outdoor classroom.
 - **Action:** We will reach out to our East Meck families to see if someone has connections to help us get those tables. Carola Cárdenas will draft an email to be send out. This request should also go into Mr. Parker’s weekly update. Another suggestion would be ownership through a teacher/staff member and applying through the grant application program.

9) Open Discussion:

- Jill Federal informed about a partnership with **SolarShine Carwash**, who helped the school by lending fans at the beginning of the school year. Jill is working on the details to establish this easy money earning option.
- S. Y. Mason Watson informed us about the upcoming Mattress Sale of our Marching Eagles. **Sunday, March 6th from 11am to 6pm.**

Next Meeting: Mar 15, 2022 - 7:45 am @ZOOM:

Closing: 8:45 am

Ruth Nett