

## East Meck High School PTSO – ZOOM Meeting 05/17/2022 (7:30 am)

### Attendance: (21)

Mary Beth Ausman, Cynthia Bailey (Z), Carola Cárdenas, Jill Federal (Z), Ann Gieser (Z), Christine Haynes, S.Y. Mason Watson (Z), Chelsea Mellon, Hasty Millen, Ruth Nett, Genie Ombach, Maria Papanikolaou, Rick Parker, Pilar Pohlheber (Z), Mary Rantala, Damita Rhodie (Z), Valerie Rutherford, Jennifer Sanford, Danielle Stallings (Z), Jenise Tate (Z), Nina Toth (Z).

### 2) Approval of minutes:

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

### 3) Principal's Report:

- Amnesty week over. **Exams** begin next week. EOCs in June with 2 make-up days because of religious holidays. June 6<sup>th</sup> is cut off to turn in work (within deadlines/guidelines). Sign out through google form after exams will be available.
- **URGENT NEED: Proctors** – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4bacac2fa7f58-eocproctors>
- **Transportation:** Intend to ride **sign up** to request transportation for SY 2022/23 is out.
- **Scanners** work well: ring binders, chrome books, and metal water bottles need to be taken out. Grace period over – exams start on time. Students should plan to arrive earlier to be in class on time. Scanner at 600 building to be installed permanently outside.
- **New marquee** will be installed this summer. **New building** almost done 50+ people have to relocate – no trailers anymore (except for Mr. Schultz' class).
- **Events update: Junior/Senior Prom (05/21) 8pm-12am @The Filmore:** students and admins decided to celebrate with Garinger HS (52 guests), otherwise they would not have enough participants for own celebration. Final **Band** and **Orchestra** concerts took place – tonight **final Chorus concert**. Art exhibit in Media Center. East Meck has one of the best Fine Arts departments. **Freshmen** field day (05/20) and **Seniors** off to Carowinds (05/20). **Awards day** (05/23) in the auditorium.
- **Teacher updates:** Hiring 2<sup>nd</sup> theater teacher (Richard Dills - technical theater), magnet coordinator, dean of students, Spanish, Math, English, and Science teacher. Mr. Rego (Math) will retire and be honored at the BBQ June 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Freiberg (Math) teacher of the year.

#### 4) Financial Report:

- **May 2022: approved. Changes to last month:** Building & Grounds: incl. beautification day, combination of teacher grant (two rugs for new building) and beautification budget. Seniors: Photo booth and refreshments for decision day. Staff appreciation (**THANK you VICTORIA!!**): coffee and breakfast.
- **Teacher grants:** Most were at least partially funded, non were declined variety of approved grants (see previous minutes) - applications still coming in – Mr. William’s request for 300 notebooks for engineering department was funded through the generosity of the **Charlotte Affiliate of the National Black Child Development Institute (THANK YOU!)**.
- **Budget 2022/23: approved. Income:** Direct Donations on a continuous rise, we take a more conservative approach planning with \$10K. Business partner mostly Harris Teeter. **Expenses:** Building & Grounds lowered to cover plants – Staff Appreciation increased (we had a donation from a parent coving \$600. THANK YOU!!), could work with Corporate Partnerships – Sunshine will get a budget of \$50. **Discussion on Carryover from prior Year: Goal increase staff appreciation and teacher grants, but no allocation yet:** discussion on spreading out amount to various areas – next year more in person staff (refreshments, popcorn, ice cream – small events at EOD) – no line item for Christmas gifts or Christmas gift though school (sometimes foundation pitches in)- – ideal situation no addl. fundraising needed – partner with athletic booster to get merchandise discounted to give to teachers – both benefit – make PTSO more visible e.g. athletic booster shout out at home games (matching gifts, fundraising, corporate sponsorships).
- **Audit committee:** Genie, Pilar, and Ann will meet with Mary in July to review our financials for 2021/22.

#### 5) Nominations Committee Update:

- **Proposed executive board: approved. (Secretary position still open).** Ruth Nett (President), Pilar Pohlheber (Vice President), Mary Rantala (Treasurer), OPEN (secretary), Christine Hays (Advisor), Carola Cárdenas (Advisor).
- **Proposed board members: approved (some positions still open).**
- **Proposed Nominations Committee chair position: approved.** Position reports to Secretary.

6) **Voting on nominations for SIT: Approved.** Quillie Hunt (Secretary), Njeri Legrand (Timekeeper), S. Y. Mason-Watson (at large), Maria Papanikolaou (PTSO liaison).

7) **Update from Student Services:**

- Planning on something for the summer Jun/Jul. Update to come. Stay tuned!!

8) **Feedback Questionnaire to board members**

- Mary Beth and Ruth worked on questionnaire to PTSO members to review past year. Be on the lookout for email.

9) **Grants update:**

- **Micro grant (\$750):** received based on the effort of Mary Beth (Thank you!)

10) **Help needed:**

- **for Staff BBQ (06/09 from 10:45 am-12:45 pm):** once school is out for the summer, the staff will have a BBQ. Catering is in place (SMS Catering: pork and chicken BBQ) - 185 staff, 168 can eat this, 17 Vegan – desserts donated. Planning in place, people power needed. Please contact: [emhsptso@gmail.com](mailto:emhsptso@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you!!

**Thank you to exiting and incoming board members.**

**Closing:** 8:55 am

Ruth Nett