

# East Meck High School PTSO Board Virtual Meeting 12/13/22 (7:00 p.m.)

## Attendance: (11)

Beth Brown, Tatum Hobbs, Quillie Hunt, Jyotsna Maid, Arnav Maniar, Lakisha McMillan, Chelsea Mellon, Ruth Nett, Mary Rantala, Arnav Maniar, Earnest Winston

1 **Welcome**: President R. Nett.

2 **Principal's Report**: Principal R. Parker unable to attend.

3 **Approval of Minutes**: President R. Nett

Approval of the minutes was motioned, seconded, and approved by vote.

4 **Membership Report** Membership Chair J. Maid

214 membership units (164 family memberships, 51 staff memberships)

5 **Financial Report**: Treasurer M. Rantala

### **Financial overview:**

M. Rantala reviewed the income and expenses in the most recent month via a prepared financial statement, available on PTSO website.

### **Staff Grant Update:**

M. Rantala shared that PTSO approved a grant to Ms. Heinen for \$375 for a choral conference, and received a request for \$2,000 from Ms. Richards towards a Model UN conference at UNC-CH. M. Rantala requested additional information from Ms. Richards and hasn't heard back yet. The PTSO also anticipates a request from student Roshni Thamatur towards a multicultural event in early 2023.

### **Request for Teacher Holiday Gifts:**

M. Rantala shared that Mr. Parker asked the PTSO to fund \$1554.31 for holiday gifts for the entire staff (embroidered EMHS beanies). The PTSO has funds to pay for this, but has not approved it in its budget. In the interest of time, an email requesting approval for this expense was sent to the general membership base. 72 votes were cast- 71 "for" and 1 "against." The PTSO took an additional vote at today's meeting and all present voted "for." This expenditure was approved.

## 6 **Open Discussion**

### **Refrigerator Request:** President R. Nett

There is a need for a refrigerator in the media center.

\*Continue to advertise on our social media platforms

Possible contact at Queen City Appliance - East Meck graduate Roddey Player

\*Need a volunteer to contact him

**Spirit Night:** Principal R Nett

January 19 and February 16 at Hungry Howie's

\*Question from J Maid about whether gift cards can be purchased by families who can't attend

**School Social Worker Department Needs:** SIT Members C. Mellon and Q. Hunt

SIT was approached about whether or how to support the needs of approximately twenty eight students in transition.

Immediate financial support was requested.

Other ideas going forward include a clothing closet, critical needs closet, keeping t-shirts and pants on hand at school. C. Mellon will talk to Social Worker R. McCormick for more information.

Those present on the call would like to support once details of the needs are clarified.

**495 Cafe:** President R. Nett

Ms. Holland's students run a refreshment cart at school to learn new skills. She self-fundraises.

\*Suggest to her that she apply for a Staff Grant. Should this be built into the PTSO budget for subsequent years?

**Band Concert:** Treasurer M. Rantala

M. Rantala received a request from S.Y. Mason-Watson to invite the PTSO to the upcoming concert band performance on Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Silver Auditorium.

**Nominations:** Nominations Chair C. Mellon

\*C. Mellon asked for the Nominations Policy to assist with kicking off the nominations committee work.

**Staff Grants Program:** Student Representative T. Hobbs

T. Hobbs asked for status update of Ms. Richards application for grant towards participation in the Model UN conference at UNC-CH.

\*M. Rantala will follow up with T. Hobbs with additional information.

**7 Upcoming Events:** President R. Nett

**Spirit Nights:**

January 19 and February 16 at Hungry Howie's (1707 Sardis Road North)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30 a.m., both in person (in the media center) and online (link will be posted on the PTSO webpage).

**The meeting was adjourned.**