

MHES PTO Meeting Minutes

2/9/2017

Financial Report

- 7k in budget
- A lot of debits around \$500 for snowflake dance, but profit was @2,057
- After split our revenue is \$775 (School will use their portion for technology)
- Potentially have a spreadsheet or ledger of school expenses listed on the web site, or available to the PTO members.
- Expect up front expenses for Spring Fling planning.
- We need a transparent way for parents or others to be able to give money to the school/PTO directly as opposed to spending money on food fundraiser nights.
- When receiving a donation check, Strong City sends automatic confirmation letter.
- Set up web page w/Strong City for giving.

Restaurant Nights

- Chuck E. Cheese next Thursday from 3-9pm
- Joe Squared- Gideon will set up groupraise.com for a night in March. Add login information to Google Drive doc.
- Blue Pit- Didn't seem to work out?
- Sweet Side
- Baskin Robbins Parkville- 40% if Mrs. Kilcoyne helps them scoop.
- Yama- Someone talk to owner and explain groupraise.com or fundraising ideal to help set up a way to bring business to them, and help the school.
- Look into Paulie Gs...

Book Fair

Color Run

- Potentially cancelled unless somebody can contact them to help w/ setup.
- EB will talk to Ms. Kilcoyne about details and how to make this go forward.
- Potentially use college students to help set up and run the event.
- Potentially use Judi's contact for T-Shirt making.
- Potentially do everything ourselves.

Art Show

- EJ will do a flyer for the Art Show - Ask her to do a facebook event , and create a page to invite people to the event.
- Last year we sold snacks - This year it is the same night as a PTO meeting.
- Plan to do a snack stand
- Ask Ms. Kilcoyne to send a school text to remind people about the art show.

- Ms. Malone was looking for some type of display board, to help with the evening. - Desiree will inquire about best ideas for making these.
- Ms. Malone will also need some help setting up between school day end and 5pm start of the show.

Meet & Greet for Preschool Parents

- Need to set a date. Kim Wiggins from live Baltimore can help us with a location. Could be at a business if it is between 3-5pm.
- Potentially use the Cold Spring Community Center, or the Medfield Rec Center.
- Judi offered my house, but lacks a basement.
- March 11th or 25th - 25th is international waffle day.
- Post it in the Medfielder and on MCA website.
- Also post on Live Baltimore site.
- If it is on the 11th people could be invited to the Book Fair and Art Show.

City Schools Budget

- Current projection of Budget Cuts will have MHES have a \$300k deficit.
- No. 1 priority is to not have enormous class sizes while still having Art and Phys. Ed.
- BCPSS is changing policy to reach 40 students per class.
- 86k that we spent on materials if fundraised separately will let us keep a teacher.
- In the past support staff have to be cut before full time staff.
- Teachers are going to be asked to start Gofundme accounts to help teachers raise money for supplies.
- Also have a fundraising night to have people draft letters and reach out to local businesses to help support the school.
- Potentially task each family to raise a proportionate amount of the deficit.
- Ms. Kilcoyne is working on a separate 300k gofundme page.
- Must find other ways to filter money through.
- Probably should be looking into grant writing for the school.
- Matching funds on fundraising available. Look into details.
- How can we communicate well as a group to others in the school to give ideas on best practices for fundraising, grant writing, etc.
- Try to highlight what is particularly special about MHES
- Night for fundraising is April 19th
- Lobbying night in Annapolis with AFLCIO for Monday March 6th
- ACLU and Baltimore Education Coalition - holding a rally in Annapolis Feb 23rd at 6:30 - providing bus service.
- How do we get people out to the rallies?
- Check on filling out the opt in class lists and verifying the last few classroom parents.
- Try to find a time to promote protest at MHES.
- Check through Live Baltimore and Strong City to see if we can combine efforts with other school.

- When is the budget due?
- Have a prewritten script for calling / FAQ sheet.

Spring Fling Committee: Sat 4/29

Old Business

2016-17 Give Back Programs Update