

Clarkston High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting
May 14, 2019



Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Meg Pardee

I. Welcome: In attendance were Amy Metz, Meg Pardee, Andrea Rozman, Mary Herzenstiel, Jamisen Sivak, Evan Hall, Cale Herzenstiel, Dianna Zabinski, Kim Hardtke, Gary Kaul, Nancy Ritchey

II. Action Items:

A. Meeting minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Meg Pardee motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Andrea Rozman seconded the motion. The motion approved unanimously.

B. Ways and Means Requests: Kim Hardtke

Ms. Hardtke reports that there are four Ways & Means requests this month. For the first request, Wendy Stuart is requesting \$2124.00 for the CHS Orchestra/CHS Band, which will affect over 235 students. She is proposing to replace 40 music stands because they “sink” during use. In the second request, she is requesting \$200 for the CHS Orchestra specifically, which includes 85 students, to replace and expanding the music storage boxes in the music library. Jamisen Sivak reports that her daughter Caitlin has assisted Ms. Stuart in preparing these requests. The committee unanimously approved both requests and the board vote is unanimous in favor of both requests accordingly.

For the third request, Renaissance High School teacher Vicky Petrouneas-Mantzios has requested \$274.95 for the Special Education Department, which will affect 20 students. She is seeking to expand the floor seating options during her mindfulness activities to include Backjack floor chairs. She would like to purchase 5 chairs. The committee unanimously approved this request and the board vote is unanimous in favor of the request.

Finally, Brian Pierce has requested has requested \$62.50 for his economics and psychology classes, which include more than 100 students. He would like to purchase beading wire to help create a simulation of different economic systems (\$25). He would also like to purchase 75 stamps (\$37.50) to mail gratitude letters once the students have written them. The committee unanimously approved this request and the board vote is unanimous in favor as well.

C. Budget Amendment: Meg Pardee

Ms. Pardee reported that a budget amendment was necessary to cover the costs of supplies and postage in the amount of \$54.50. She suggested that this amount could be moved from the Senior awards night line item. The motion was made by Kim Hardtke and seconded by Amy Metz. The motion was approved unanimously and the Treasurer will update the budget accordingly.

D. 2019-2020 PTSA Board: Meg Pardee/Kim Hardtke

Ms. Pardee and Ms. Hardtke report that the board slate for the 2019-2020 year is completely full, except that the role of President still needs to be filled. Ms. Metz reports that she has approached Fred Koehler about taking the position, and some discussion is had regarding the membership of parents of former students. This discussion relates to the new set of bylaws as well, and it is generally agreed that allowing parents of former students is acceptable and a positive point to incorporate in the bylaws going forward. Ms. Metz states that she will report back as to Mr. Koehler’s response.

E. PTO – Bylaws Review and Meeting: Amy Metz/Meg Pardee

Ms. Metz reports that the PTO bylaws have been drafted and circulated for everyone's review. Three members have forwarded comments, which have been incorporated into the draft. A few remaining items to be discussed as a group will be addressed during a meeting at the conclusion of tonight's meeting. In addition, copies of the bylaws will be made available for review at the June 11 disbandment meeting. Ms. Pardee encourages all members to attend the meeting on June 11 at 7:00 pm.

III. Reporting Items:

A. Treasurer's Report: Andrea Rozman

See Financial Report and Bank Statement in meeting packet. Our checking account balance is \$7,759.72 and our cash balance is \$3,303.37. Our Ways and Means currently available balance is \$3059.08.

B. Membership: Meg Pardee for Nancy Ritchey

We currently have 208 members, which is increased by 1 additional member from April, the new member is Wendy Stuart.

C & D. Volunteers: Kim Hardtke

Ms. Hardtke reports that volunteer positions are still available for the senior celebrations events in June, including the senior picnic and senior party. The senior picnic has spots needed to be filled in the food tent and parking. She also reports that various sports/game items are needed for activities for the kids. For the senior party, shifts are available for the 9 – 11pm supervision shift, the 8 – 11pm casino dealers shifts, the 8 – 11pm other casino shifts, and the 8 – 11pm "cash cube."

E. Website: Jamisen Sivak reports that she is adding information to the website regularly.

F. Staff Appreciation Week Recap: Amy Metz

Ms. Metz reports that the staff appreciation week was successful. Ms. Pardee adds that the teachers and staff responded very positively and many communicated that the luncheon was "the best we've had." The lunch was catered by On the Border, and Ms. Metz reports that they were very easy to work with. Volunteer involvement was very high in terms of donations of food and cash, but only one person volunteered to help with the lunch. Additional activities included a breakfast with coffee, donuts and bagels from Tim Horton's, gifts distributed by the leadership students, a "snack cart" provided by the leadership students, and the "Cappucino Man" provided specialty coffees and smoothies on Friday morning. Mr. Kaul reports that the Cappucino Man was great and enjoyed by the staff.

G. Senior Awards Recap: Dianna Zabinski

Ms. Zabinski reports that the senior award celebration went well, and that cookies and water were provided to the families and students, including 500 cookies!

H. Advocacy: Mary Herzenstiel

Ms. Herzenstiel reports that the governor has signed the emergency snow day bill, and that the school year in Clarkston will end on June 7th as originally scheduled. She reports as well on the Clarkston school district strategic plan, which includes "4 pillars." Mr. Ryan has been reviewing the strategic plan with parents at the PAT meetings, and Ms. Herzenstiel encourages attendance at those meetings for those who are interested. She describes the emphasis on "equity" as opposed to "equality" among the elementary schools, which for example, will involve additional staffing in certain buildings where necessary.

I. Health and Wellness: Amy Metz

No report.

J. Principal's Report: Gary Kaul

The seniors' last day, the Senior Walk, and Senior Picnic will occur on May 21 around 10 am, following cap and gown distribution.

The CHS Choirs will present THROWBACK!, a musical tribute to the music of the past from Queen, to ABBA, Elton John to Michael Jackson. Come hear these awesome singers this coming Friday, May 17th at 7pm in the PAC. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Military and Spring Athletic signing days occurred at CHS, involving student athletes moving on to college sports, and also those seniors entering the military upon graduation. The Military signing day especially received a positive response from the community and parents alike.

An all school tutorial, prior to exam week, will take place at the high school on June 1 from 8-12 in the morning for all students.

Senior Assessments will take place on May 20 and 21, followed by the prom on May 22nd at Palazzo Grande in Sterling Heights. Commencement will take place this year on Monday, June 3, with the rehearsal occurring at 9 AM at DTE, followed by the ceremony that evening at 6:30 pm.

Senior Speaker tryouts will take place on May 14 and 16, the theme this year will be "What have we learned from all this?"

Mr. Kaul reports that a big thanks is owed to Amy Quayle, Josh LaMay, Jordan Stoyek, and Tamera Conwell for organizing and conducting the standardized testing in April. All requisite testing numbers were achieved, less special education students as a result of attendance.

CHS Administration hosted the spring OAA Principal's Association meeting at CHS, the meetings were successful and Mr. Kaul reports positive observations on our school from the attendees.

Construction update: As part of the bond renovations and updates, the following will occur over the summer: Front office construction will begin prior to the end of school; wiring and technology updates are ongoing; new nutrition room; new band classroom/storage; parking lot configuration; new furniture; and a new auxiliary athletic/marching band field.

Mr. Kaul reports that the Michigan High School Athletic Association ranks all Michigan High Schools by success of their sports programs, and this year, after the winter season Clarkston High School was ranked #1 in the State!!!

The Mind, Body, Green Expo will take place at CHS on April 18 from 5 -8PM, and it is sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

The National Merit Scholarship program for 2020 has recognized Nathan Sesti, Madison Dryden, and Tim O'Daniel as being among 50,000 of approximately 1.6 million students as "qualifiers" for the 2020 NMS Program. Next year, roughly 16,000 of students will be named "finalists".

On May 8, the National Honor Society will conduct its induction ceremony which will involve 119 new inductees. The group will include over 230 total members here at CHS.

This spring's Impact Weekend on April 27 and 28. Interested participants can volunteer through communityimpactweekend.org or by calling 248.625.3288 x202. This project is designed to serve low income families, senior citizens, those with special needs, non-profits, food pantries, local schools and many other organizations.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be traveling to Eastern Michigan University on April 12th to attend the Great Lakes Concert Band Festival.

Maryn McConnell and Ben Neideck were selected (based on their performances as "Tracy" and "Seaweed" in our musical production of "Hairspray") to compete in the Sutton Foster Ovarions Awards at the Wharton Center at MSU on May 11th and 12th. Here, they will compete against other performing arts students from across the state. Should they win, they will compete in the Jimmy Awards in NYC.

The Drama Club spring production of "Radium Girls" by DW Gregory, was a success.

This year's musical theatre camp theatre is "Newsies". Registration for campers is due the 15th of April, and the Camp is May 3rd and 4th and ends with a performance for parents. You can register your 2nd-6th grader by calling 248-623-4326 x1.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Amy Metz
Clarkston High School PTSA Secretary