

DESERT MOUNTAIN PTO

November 9, 2009

Attending: Martha Andrews, Yolanda Gales, Julie Shinbaum, Jeanne Brandom, Kim Kletscher, Shari Rood, Donna Doglione, Mauri Collins

Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m. by President, Martha Andrews

President's Update – Martha Andrews

-Review of October 5 minutes. Note change to be made under membership levels: minutes should state Silver Members for those who paid up to \$99.00. **Motion** by Mauri to accept minutes. **Second** by Yolanda. **Unanimously approved.**

-Freshman/Sophomore Parent Night is November 17. Martha, Carolyn, Shari and Donna will work the PTO table. Carolyn will sell blankets.

-Martha shared information regarding an exchange student needing a family from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Contact Martha if you know of a family who would be available.

-The group Invisible Children is in need of raffle items. Contact Martha as she has contact student's e mail address, Corrie King.

Treasurer's Update – Yolanda Gales

Please see Balance Sheet as of November 9, 2009 and Profit Loss Budget vs Actual July 1 through November 9, 2009

-Yolanda noted that the PTO membership has increased by 3 parents and 3 teacher/staff members. Our Platinum membership is at 53 members.

After a full treasurer's update, **motion** by Mauri to approve. **Second** by Donna. **Unanimously approved.**

Membership update – Julie Shinbaum

Julie reported that we are at 42 paid staff/teacher members.

Martha suggested that any staff who have not signed up for PTO should get a form in their mailbox. Also, an e news to go out again to stress that it is not too late to join PTO with a notation that the directory, which will cost non PTO members \$10.00, will be free to paid PTO members.

Project Prevention Graduation – Julie Shinbaum

(Julie read notes from Carolyn as Carolyn is at another DMHS meeting this morning.)

150 Seniors have signed up to attend PPG – up from 117 on October 5.

Golf tournament fundraiser unfortunately has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

PPG is meeting with Anasazi Online Auction Committee to try to coordinate with them. The online auction takes place March 12-16, 2010.

Carolyn will update at next PTO meeting regarding a possible fundraiser for January as well as information received after attending the Anasazi meeting.

Staff Purchasing Requests – Shari Rood

1)An update on approval of English Department teacher Jeff Huffman’s request for a locking metal storage cabinet, 15x30x56. Shari is asking for \$27.00 more as she cannot find one for \$150.00. Martha shared that, according to bylaws, no need to wait until next PTO meeting for approval again as long as increase in money being asked doesn’t exceed \$250.00 total; Shari just needs to contact Martha.

2)Deanna Karam, LSC/ALC Teacher. Requests reimbursement for \$150.00 for grocery cards for cooking supplies for her special needs kids. **Motion** by Julie. **Second** by Mauri. **Unanimously approved.**

3)Sandy Lundberg, Asst. Principal (12th Grade), Educational Services. Requests reimbursement for four flashlights for security, \$86.40. **Motion** by Yolanda. **Second** by Mauri. **Unanimously approved.**

4) Keith, Plant Manager. Requests reimbursement for laminating expenses for XLg campus mats for security, \$80.97. **Motion** by Jeanne. **Second** by Donna. **Unanimously approved.**

5)Kevin Burke, Science Teacher. Requests reimbursement for attendance at Math/Science Teacher Assoc. Mtg in Phoenix, Dec. 3-5, 2009. \$167.00. **Motion** by Jeanne, **Second** by Mauri. **Unanimously approved.**

6)Dale Merrill, Department Chair, Guidance Counselor. Requests reimbursement of \$400.00 for hotel accommodations to attend a conference on mental disorders. Dale is paying for airfare and Principal is paying for the course at \$125.-\$140./day. Martha commented that we never pay for hotel and our max request is \$250.00. Amendment **motion** by Julie to reimburse Dale for \$250.00 for participation in course. **Second** by Mauri. **Unanimously approved.**

7)Driving MBA sent a proposal offering to do a course at DMHS and will pay PTO for each parent that attends. Shari to coordinate with school to get a date/time/room. She will notify

Martha when confirmation is received. Hopefully this can be announced at Fr/Soph Parent night as well as an e news broadcast and a possible phone call from the district.

Committee Updates

-Directory: will be mailed at end of this week.

-E news: doing a great job in keeping parents up to date.

-E Scrip: Martha reported for Connie Rose that a large deposit is expected soon.

-Hospitality: Martha reported that Hospitality committee members continue to do a great job in hosting visiting College Admission Counselors. Discussion of sodas about to expire soon- suggestion to use at December Teacher/Staff Appreciation lunch.

-Newsletter: Mauri is working to get it sent.

-Staff Appreciation: Jeanne Brandom & Donna Doglione reported that the October 7 lunch, catered by Meatballz, was very successful. Martha added that she has heard many great comments with a reminder that the lunch is teacher private time and no students are allowed. Mauri will send an e news listing names of parents who donated baked goods for the lunch. Next lunch is December 9- Jeanne will send Mauri information so she can again send an e news requesting dessert donations from parents. Donna & Jeanne are getting bids from Chinese restaurants and will update at next meeting. They reported that the birthday cards continue to be sent to staff members.

-Site Council: Shari Rood & Donna Doglione – They highlighted the discussions from the October 21 Site Council meeting. They shared that they are very impressed with Dr. Catalani and encouraged all to meet him at DMHS on November 16 – Mauri will send an e news extending an invitation to meet him. Shari and Donna will attend the next Site Council meeting on November 18, 2009 and update us at our next PTO meeting.

-Scottsdale Parent Council – Martha reported that the K-3 Override passed.

New Business

Jeanne and Donna proposed that a T-shirt be designed/sold in an effort to promote school spirit in celebration of our sports teams in playoffs. Discussion to go ahead with money from sale of T-shirts going to PPG fund with PTO paying for initial purchase of the T shirts. Martha will contact her T-shirt salesman. Mauri will send an e news asking for volunteers to help with sales of the T-shirts in an effort to utilize the parents who signed up initially to volunteer for PTO events.

Future Meetings

-Next meeting is December 7, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. by President, Martha Andrews

Respectfully submitted by Kim Kletscher, PTO Secretary

Cc: PTO members, Jill Paweski