

DESERT MOUNTAIN PTO

December 7, 2009

Attending: Martha Andrews, Yolanda Gales, Jeanne Brandom, Donna Doglione, Kim Kletscher, Carolyn Attal, Shari Rood

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President, Martha Andrews

President's Update - Martha Andrews

-Review of November 9, 2009 minutes. **Motion** by Yolanda to accept minutes. **Second** by Carolyn.

Unanimously approved.

-The Play Off T-shirts: We ended up selling about ½ of the 1000 purchased. The shirts cost \$4647.00, we sold \$2809.00 for a loss of \$1838.00. Yolanda will present a final figure at the January meeting since we should not have to pay taxes on the shirts.

Treasurer's Update – Yolanda Gales

Please see Balance Sheet as of December 7, 2009 and Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual July 1 through December 7, 2009.

-Yolanda noted that the PTO membership has increased by 1 parent membership since November 9 meeting.

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

Membership Update – Martha Andrews

Julie Shinbaum was not in attendance today. She will give full update at January 11, 2010 meeting.

Staff Purchasing Requests – Shari Rood

-Shari asked what process would be so that Office Max rewards cards be sent directly to her instead of Connie Rose since Shari uses for purchasing. Connie will be called about making the change.

1) Mr. Vining – Physics Teacher: Requests \$319.00-\$5742.00 for computer program packets. Shari shared that each packet costs \$319.00 and he figures he will need a maximum of \$5742.00 to purchase all the packets he needs. Discussion that PTO will give him \$319.00 now and he is encouraged to make another request later in the school year. **Motion** by Donna to approve the \$319.00. **Second** by Yolanda. **Unanimously Approved.**

2) Ms. Irvin – Performing Arts/Band: She is attending a seminar in Evanston, IL requesting reimbursement of \$890.00. Discussion that we cannot pay hotel or flight costs. We would consider

paying her registration fee of \$90.00. However, we do not have her listed as a paid PTO staff member for this school year. Shari to follow up with Ms. Irvin.

3)Mr. Sheh – English/Journalism Department: He is requesting \$1200.00 for cost to print 1 edition of the school newspaper which is printed once/3 months. Discussion that Shari is to confirm with Mr. Sheh that the Journalism students are doing legwork in an effort to raise money to cover this cost (Example: are they going to businesses to ask for donations and/or offering to print a coupon in the paper at a certain cost?) We would consider helping cover costs for another edition of the newspaper after confirmation of students doing their part as well as we would want an article on the PPG and an ad. Right now, we will give Mr. Sheh \$1200.00 which will come from Principal's Fund.

Project Prevention Graduation – Carolyn Attal

-Carolyn given information from Martha to contact Malana Tharp who is going to donate pink boxers from the football boosters.

-Carolyn shared that she is concerned about funding the PPG with the Golf Tournament having to be cancelled. Hoping that the new Online Auction that is being put into place soon will help raise funds.

-Two Senior Reps came to meeting to discuss PPG as the Seniors are hoping to donate money to help cover expenses. They expressed that Seniors are concerned that enough activities are planned for the evening, especially from 3:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Carolyn offered to meet with them, or other Seniors, to get more ideas as well as share what the PPG committee has planned so far.

-Carolyn given permission by Martha to come up with promotion ideas to get more Seniors to register for the PPG (Example: I tunes gift card drawings, etc.)

Staff Appreciation – Jeanne Brandom and Donna Doglione: Next Staff Appreciation lunch is this Wednesday, December 9. It will be catered by George & Son's who is giving the PTO a 15% discount. Mauri to be contacted to share an E news of the discount given by George & Son's .

Site Council – Donna Doglione and Shari Rood: Donna & Shari attended the November 18 Site Council Meeting. They highlighted the meeting minutes. They will attend the December 9 meeting and give a full report at our January PTO meeting.

Mr. Milbrandt came in to say hello and report on a few things.

-He shared the successes of the DMHS Fall sports teams.

-A busy day at DMHS this past Friday as it was Market Day as well as a Split Assembly was held. Martha suggested that if we need to do Split Assemblies in the future, could it be Freshman/Junior and Sophomore/Senior instead of the way it was done on Friday (Freshman/Sophomore and Junior/Senior)It would promote spirit if the Freshman and Sophomores could learn from the Upper Classmen. Mr. Milbrandt said he would pass the suggestion to Trina Ganster as she had met with Stugo which resulted in the split being done the way it was on Friday.

-Tax Credit – A broadcast message will go out to remind parents of the deadline date of December 31. Martha said she would contact Mauri and have her send an e news with that same message.

-Preparation for finals next week with ½ days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

-Martha asked Greg if he had heard any feedback regarding poor attendance at Freshman/Sophomore Parent Night which was held on Tuesday, November 12. She shared that she had heard that parents felt it was too late in school year for a Freshman/Sophomore Night with school already in session for two months after starting on August 10. Also, a broadcast voice message reminder didn't go out until that day so an earlier broadcast may have helped. Mr. Milbrandt thanked Martha for the feedback and said he would keep the suggestions in mind for next school year.

-Mr. Milbrandt shared that they are looking into an E Cap System which will be a computerized portfolio that a student will have starting their 1st day of Freshman year until end of Senior year to help track courses, college prep, etc. This is a statewide effort and there has been some confusion in implementing it but goal is to have it in place at start of 2010-2011 school year. He will follow up with us at another PTO meeting to share progress of this.

-Martha shared with Greg that PTO staff membership is down as well as staff reimbursement requests are down. Mr. Milbrandt will announce at next Staff Meeting and encourage staff to join PTO and let them know of the staff reimbursement requests, but they must be a paid PTO staff member first.

-Mr. Milbrandt thanked PTO for the last PTO Staff appreciation lunch. He had heard many great comments from the staff. He will also contact the district to get word out that maintenance people are not invited to staff member appreciation lunches.

-Mr. Milbrandt thanked the PTO for all we do.

Future Meetings

-Next meeting is January 11, 2010

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. by President, Martha Andrews

Respectfully submitted by Kim Kletscher, PTO Secretary

Cc: PTO members, Jill Paweski