

## DESERT MOUNTAIN PTO

February 8, 2010

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

### Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m. by President Martha Andrews

Principal Greg Milbrandt stopped in to say hello and update us on the following:

-Expressed sadness at the loss of Terry Kellen. Due to concern of timing of registration for next year's classes as well as seniors needing help in completing college admit items, the administration moved quickly and Gary Griggs will now be the counselor for students with last names of A-Da. Mr. Milbrandt shared that other world language teachers will be taking over Mr. Griggs' Spanish classes.

-Congratulations to Girls Soccer team as it is the 1<sup>st</sup> time in school history that the girls soccer team has made it to the semi-finals. The team will play Marana Mountain View on Wednesday, February 17 @ 5:00 p.m. at Paradise Valley High School.

-Boys Soccer team lost a close one, 2-1, so they are out of the tournament.

-Choir concert was Thursday, February 4. The choir decided to use that concert to help raise money for Haiti Relief Fund. The choir raised \$600.00.

-In service is Wednesday, February 10. President's Day will be observed on February 15- No school

-February 16 will be a late start for all EXCEPT all Sophomores and registered Juniors who will be taking the PSSS. Late start time is 11:35 a.m. for non testers.

-AIMS testing: February 23<sup>rd</sup> Writing and February 24<sup>th</sup> Reading

-February 24<sup>th</sup> will be a Community Forum expo make up from 4:00-6:00 for those who missed the original date of January 20. The attendance at the January 20 expo was over 400 which was great considering it was the 1<sup>st</sup> Expo ever held. Donna Doglione offered a suggestion that the next one should be more colorful by adding colored tablecloths and balloons as it seemed too drab. Also, have bookstore open to sell DMHS merchandise, especially shirts that the 8<sup>th</sup> graders could purchase to show school spirit.

-Congratulations to Laura Kamka, English/IB Coordinator and Jennifer Jensen, English Department Chair who recently completed courses to be National Board Certified. This makes 4 total staff who have completed this course. The other two are John Andrews, Guidance Counselor and Nicole Herman, Science Teacher.

-Emily Harris, DMHS Senior badminton player, was also recognized for her success and her Sports Illustrated November 30 issue of Faces in the Crowd.

-Greg thanked the PTO for all we've done.

### President's Update – Martha Andrews

-Review of January 11, 2010 minutes. **Motion** by Jeanne to accept minutes. **Second** by Yolanda. **Unanimously approved.**

-Martha thanked Donna, Shari and Kim for working at the PTO table at the January 20<sup>th</sup> Forum

### **Treasurer's Update – Yolanda Gales**

Please see Balance Sheet as of February 8, 2010 and Profit Loss Budget vs Actual July 1 through February 8, 2010

-Yolanda noted the increase in PTO Staff Memberships of **3** additional staff and **1** additional parent paid at \$50.00.

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

### **Staff Purchasing Requests – Shari Rood**

-Shari read a thank you note that she received from teacher Tom Vining.

-Michele Irvin has not turned in a receipt so she has not been reimbursed even though PTO approved at the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

-Request from Suzette Kochmaros and Anne Marie DuFour to help pay for an upcoming Spanish field trip for students. It is the School Of International Letters and Cultures Language Fair at ASU on February 25. It is an annual field trip for Spanish classes 3, 4 & 5 which PTO has helped fund each year (PTO paid \$1500.00 towards it last year) Discussion that due to a reduced budget, PTO is not able to afford to help as much this year. Shari to contact the teachers to get more information on the exact costs and PTO would consider giving \$200.00 per teacher.

### **Project Prevention Graduation – Carolyn Attal**

-Carolyn will need help staffing tables at the upcoming Senior Parent Meetings being held on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. All to check calendars and let Carolyn know at the March 15 PTO meeting if anybody is available to help.

-PPG has 170 Seniors registered out of 613 Seniors.

-Carolyn is still working out transportation issues.

-Announced that Julie Shinbaum has agreed to take over PPG next year. Julie will work closely with Carolyn from now on. With Julie moving to PPG, this will leave the Membership Committee vacant for next year.

-Online Auction: Approximately 25 items have been donated so far. Carolyn needs us to get word out to get more items donated, especially if we know of DMHS parents who have connections to donate items or businesses that we frequent to ask for an item. Mauri will send another e news with web address, [www.scottsdale-schools.cmarket.com](http://www.scottsdale-schools.cmarket.com) to ask for items to be donated by March 5<sup>th</sup>. Online auction starts on Monday, March 15, 2010.

-Carolyn expressed frustration as she cannot get the newspaper contacts to return her calls regarding an article to be published regarding the PPG per our agreement to help fund one of the newspapers. Shari Rood will follow up and report at March 15 PTO meeting.

-Discussion regarding possible Seniors who would be willing to perform at the PPG event.

### **Retail Funding – Connie Rose**

-Safeway would like to present a \$1000.00 check to the PTO. Connie will see if a Safeway rep can present at our March 15 meeting

-Discussion to have Connie utilize the volunteer list from Beth McMahon to see if we could staff tables in front of Safeway stores a couple days to try to get the community to link their Safeway cards to DMHS.

**Staff Appreciation- Donna Doglione and Jeanne Brandom**

-Next staff lunch is Wednesday, March 3. Plan is to serve sandwiches and salads. Donne and Jeanne are still checking with local restaurants to get competitive pricing on items. They will again utilize parents donations of desserts.

**Site Council – Donna Doglione and Shari Rood**

-January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled. Donna and Shari will report at March 15 meeting on the February 17 Site Council meeting.

**Future Meetings**

-Next PTO meeting in Monday, March 15, 2010

**Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. by President, Martha Andrews**

Respectfully submitted by Kim Kletscher, PTO Secretary

Cc: PTO members, Jill Paweski