

Marple Newtown High School  
PTO Minutes  
October 18, 2007

In Attendance: Ray McFall, Mollie Fahnestock, Mac Butler, Roxanne Burns, Deb Patrick, Terry Hopkins, Patti Abbott, Ginny DeYoung, Debbie Johnson, Tony Skalski, Trudy Riddell, Joyce Kowalski, Sharon Oberholtzer, Connie Smith, Jeff Shapiro and Karen Robinson.

**Welcome Guest Speaker Jeff Shapiro:**

Jeff Shapiro was in attendance and has been appointed as the Board Liaison from the MNSD school board to the high school. His contact information is as follows:

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Dr. Shapiro stated that the role of the school board liaison has not been formally defined. He will also be attending the faculty meeting at the high school in November. He reminded us that there is an election on November 6<sup>th</sup> please be sure to vote for candidates that support your views.

Additionally, Dr. Shapiro shared with us that the renovation plans for the high school will begin in earnest with the new school board. The Locker Room renovation is projected to be completed by November. He also talked about the technology grant that is to be awarded over a 3 year period.

**Officers Reports:**

**Treasurers Report:**

Joyce Kowalski presented a final budget for approval. This budget showed current bank account balances of \$9757.40 with receipts of 10,450. Expenses are projected to be \$14,850 which should leave a balance of 5357.40 at year end.

**President's Report**

The Co-Presidents gave the following report:

- September minutes were approved by Deb Patrick and Roxanne Burns
- The Joint PTO meeting with Merle Horowitz was held recently items discussed were
  - the next Education Conference will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> the district will try to have extra sessions of popular topics
  - Interact and the child care classes will provide Child Care for parents - 9-11:30am
- The Gala has a chairperson this year, John Cluver. It will be held Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> there is a restructuring of ticket prices
- There was additional discussion about playground equipment needs at the elementary schools

**Committee Reports:**

- Back to School Night has been completed
- Breakfast is still in need of a chairperson. The fundraiser on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> for the NYC trip is underway and there is still plenty of room on the bus. Volleyball night is Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting for this committee is Nov 13<sup>th</sup>
- Faculty/Staff Luncheon planning is underway for Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

- Honor Roll breakfast will be during 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- Membership-Debbie Johnson said we are 40 families short of last years total. So far we have collected \$10,328 in Dues and about \$3,000 in advertising. We have 512 families who have joined PTO. Directories have been sent home.
- Teacher Liaison Report –
  - Class of 2008 Spirit Wear has arrived
  - Spirit week will be next week Oct 22-26-Pajama Day, College TShirt Day, ProSports TShirt Day & Tiger Olympics, Breast Cancer Awareness Day & Powder Puff Football Night and Color Day. Pep Rally on Friday along with the football game and the Homecoming Dance
  - Class of 2009 has ordered their Spirit Wear
  - Interact- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting was October 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a presentation about the Rotary International Exchange Program. Any student 15 or older is eligible to participate and can spend 1 year abroad. Operation Christmas Child is under way. This involves filling a shoe box with age appropriate toys to be shipped overseas. Additionally we will be providing Thanksgiving Dinners to families in our district. About 30 students will participate in the AIDS walk on Sunday.
  - Renaissance- The Renaissance Faire trip was a wet but successful event. The POP awards breakfast will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. November 9<sup>th</sup> is the end of the first marking period. There will be a movie in the auditorium for the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period Renaissance attainees.

### **Principals Report:**

Mr. McFall, Assistant Vice Principal, gave the following report:

- Resignation of Mr. Sanville, Principal, to move to the Unionville Chadds Ford School District
- PSATs were given on Wed, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> to all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades
- On Saturday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 12 students from Germany will arrive to spend 2 weeks with families in Marple Newtown. They will attend school and take regional trips. There will be an article this Sunday in the Inquirer.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> MNHS will be hosting college representatives from around the country who are interested in learning more about the school.

### **Old Business:**

- PTO Website is almost complete and should be up and running soon
- Deadline for Tiger Talk is Monday
- Red Ribbon Week is next week there will be ribbons lining West Chester Pike and in front of all the schools
- Target- we are now set up to receive funds from users of the Target Credit card

**New Business:** No new topics presented for discussion.

**Next Meeting is Thursday November 15th at 7pm in the school library.**