

MINUTES

Reitz Memorial High School PTO

Wednesday, January 22, 2020/ 6:00 PM / Meeting called to order by Kari Syronee

Attendees

Officers – Kari Syronee, Beckie Schadler, Desiree Eddington, Karen Robertson

Lucy Ashley, Louise Carter, Connie Sermershein, Mykeal Wigger, Jessica Beatty, Stephanie Hansen, Jennifer Nixon, Melissa Mitchell, Katrina Newkirk, Ann Gerteisen, Diane Norman, Marie Summers, Suzanne Draper, Lori Kostbade, Mindy Evans, Mike Feller, Tara Voliva, Krista Will, Jason Kneubuhler, Lynn Muehlbauer, Sylvia DeVault, Maria Millan, Niki Traylor, Sally Sternberg, John Browning, Ashley Hammer, Kim Murphy, Deena Bodine, Diane Braun, Laura Hurt, Chris Schafer, Chris Broglin, Lynn Dippel, Diana Zausch, Amelia

Guests – Joel Fehsenfeld, LCSW

Welcome – Kari Syronee

Opening Prayer – Beckie Schadler

Kari introduced Guest Speaker, Joel Fehsenfeld, LCSW. Mr. Fehsenfeld gave an overview of the ‘Teenage Roller Coaster Ride’; providing insight into various concepts parents should/need to remember when thinking of their teenage children. Discussion included but was not limited to:

1. Parents’ need to model behavior for their teens
2. Avoid shaming
3. Respond instead of React
4. Join in their world
5. Realize that their negative emotions are okay
6. Awkwardness is okay and shouldn’t be avoided

Mr. Fehsenfeld also shared numerous authors and informative studies that could provide additional information for parents who wanted to pursue these ideas further. He also provided information/materials on Within Sight, his firm – your home for counseling and consulting services.

Officer Reports

President – Kari Syronee

1. Reintroduced self and then introduced Deanna Bodine – RMHS/Youth First Social Worker. Ms. Bodine advised that she is specifically assigned to RMS and advised of the various programs available to students.
2. Elf Training Review
 - a. Slide Show in background
 - b. Success of this inaugural event
 - c. 45 MHS student volunteers accomplishing more than 215 community service hours

Vice President – Beckie Schadler

1. Welcomed partner school representatives
2. Review of AZZIP Give Back Night – including profit
3. Student Appreciation – quarterly event
 - a. Popcorn for first qtr. well received by students and staff
 - b. Prayer cards and mints for second qtr. (finals week)
 - c. February – 3rd qtr. – hot chocolate – Lucy Ashley will be handling and speak to this event on February 14th
 - d. April – 4th qtr. – evaluating frozen yogurt with smart snack topping

Treasurer – Desiree Eddington

1. Reviewed Financials – copies provided
 - a. Elf Training - 1,350 profit
 - b. AZZIP Give Back - \$553 profit
 - c. PTO will be donating up to \$1,000 for transportation costs in conjunction with Senior Weekend.

Secretary – Karen Robertson

1. Chick Fil A Redemption – Coupon for attending tonight can be redeemed by student at lunch this Friday, January 24th.
2. Minutes will be published to the RMHS PTO website within two weeks.
3. Email address on website for anyone who has questions for the PTO – visit pto@rmhsevdio.org

Principal's Report – Sally Sternberg

1. Great Response and gratefulness for Elf Training. Own daughter loved it and partner schools very grateful.
2. Homecoming
3. Final Exams went well.
4. East side partner schools, along with RMHS, raised \$5,000 for Honor Flight.
5. Registration meetings for next school year are being held this week, including partner school registrations.
6. Stressed how vital Deanna Bodine is to RMHS and how students should take advantage of the services offered by her and Youth First.
7. Sally excused herself as her presence was being requested elsewhere.

President's Report – John Browning

1. 110 freshman applications have been received for 2020-2021 school year
2. Tuition assistance applications will post next week (March 16 deadline)
3. Voucher numbers not in yet, but expected to be the same as previous year
4. Designing/releasing communication regarding Catholic Schools being a K-12 decision – goal is to streamline students through once enrolled in Kindergarten

Committee Updates

Dance Coat Check – No Report. Kari thanked Jenny Nixon for her time chairing this committee.

Gradfest – Chairs Jeannine Durholz and Jane Russell (neither present). Call Out meeting for helpers scheduled for Monday, January 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Media Center. Notification to be sent.

Hospitality – Louis Carter reported committee provided assistance with FAFSA refresher and October 24 Open House. Louise personally thanked everyone who helped.

Senior Weekend – Katrina Newkirk re-introduced self. Senior Weekend will be back at Camp Carson on July 25-26 for current Juniors. Thanked PTO for the transportation donation. Plans/meetings to be held.

Staff and Teacher Appreciation – Shannon Brasseale and Lynn Muehlbauer. Lynn reported committee had been assisting with monthly faculty meetings. Sign up genius going out for snacks and teacher appreciation items. Email PTO if desire to get on list. Teachers and staff have been very appreciative.

New Business

1. Big Bingo Volunteers are needed. Visit sign-up sheet at table or go to website to volunteer.
2. PTO Scholarship to be established from monies raised at Trivia Night. Goal is to establish this annual scholarship – application guidelines under discussion/review.
3. Trivia Night - Karen Robertson informed group of our upcoming largest fundraiser on Saturday, February 22nd. Fliers distributed to partner schools and parishes – asking everyone's help getting the word out. Mykeal Wigger reviewed need for donations to offset expenses – Sign Up Genius would go out soon. Silent Auction, Cash Bar, fun and prizes. RMHS PTO scholarship to be established based on amount raised – criteria selection overview presented – still in process. Lots of help needed to ensure SUCCESS!

Closing Prayer – Karen Robertson