

**MMI Preparatory School
Parents Association Meeting
November 29, 2018
6:30 p.m.
The Joseph A. Turri '45 Library and Learning Center**

Meeting Minutes

The Parents Association meeting began at 6:30 p.m. Lani Drobnock, Coordinator of Parent Programs, provided a welcome.

Neil Partington, from the Partington Group, spoke to the group about financial planning for college.

A finance update was given. Current checking account balance is \$10,355.44.

There was a recap on recent events.

- The Harvest Bingo profited \$7,126.14. This is an increase of \$3,126.14 over the budgeted profit and a \$2,858.14 increase over last year's event profit.
- Harvest Dance budgeted expense was \$1,100. Actual expenses for the event totaled \$1,176.00 because battery operated lights were purchased that will be used for future events.
- Founder's Day expenses were budgeted as \$350.00, and the actual expenses came in at \$271.70, \$78.30 under budget.
- Lani Drobnock expressed gratitude and thanks to all the volunteers that served on the Harvest Bingo, Harvest Dance, and Founder's Day committees.

Upcoming events were reviewed.

- The Calendar Raffle fundraiser will take place in February, with a cash prize drawing each day. Volunteers are needed to stuff envelopes. Each family is asked to sell 10 raffle tickets, at \$5.00 each. They will be mailed home earlier this year, mid-December, as some parents indicated wanting to purchase them as holiday gifts.
- The Parents Association will hold a fundraiser in conjunction with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. The Parents Association has a block of seats reserved (directly behind the Penguins bench) for the Saturday, February 2nd game versus the Bridgeport Sound Tigers. Tickets are \$22.75, and \$4.00 from each ticket comes back to the Parents Association. Flyers with more details were provided.
- Mid School Dance will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from 6 pm – 9 pm in the MMI Cafeteria. The committee will begin to meet in mid-January.

Due to a budget surplus, a new Parents Association committee was created to look at creating a new student event. Anyone interested in being on the committee should contact Lani Drobnock. A meeting will take place in the new year. Regarding this new committee, a parent opened discussion about how the Parents Association may be able to assist in extending library hours, so that it is open and available to students for a longer period after school. Mr. Wiggins, Head of School, mentioned the possibility of parents serving as volunteers so that students are chaperoned if the library hours are extended. Parent comments suggested that parents are not often available at 3:00 p.m. and suggested the possibility of using surplus PA monies to fund MMI personnel to stay longer in order to keep the library open. A parent inquired about the library hours, as it was once open to the public in the evening. Mr. Wiggins offered to look into the specifics regarding that.

The Interact Club will be collecting items to be sent to the California fire victims. A list was provided about items they are looking to collect. A reminder was provided about sending in Box Tops for Education.