

**MMI Preparatory School
Parents Association Meeting
September 7, 2017**

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.

Mrs. Lisa Ferry, Interim Dean of Girls, and Mr. Jason Tribbet, Interim Dean of Boys, addressed the group about their new roles and the changes to the student handbook.

Lani Drobnock reviewed the results of the Parents Association survey. Areas highlighted were:

- There were 80 respondents from approximately 200 families. 40% response rate. Evenly distributed among all grades.
- 64% of respondents have previously been involved with PA. 20% have not. 16% were just entering the school.
- 88% of respondents are interested in being involved in the PA for the 2017-18 school year. 12% are not, most citing that they cannot participate due to work or time constraints.
- Respondents felt meetings should be held monthly or as needed. The consensus on which day meetings should be held was split almost evenly for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The majority responded that 6:00pm or 7:00pm would be the best time for meetings.
- When asked what are you personally looking to receive by being a member of the PA, answers were:
 - Support students and their activities 83%
 - Being connected to the school 81%
 - Being able to provide input and make positive change 61%
 - Engage through volunteering 56%
 - Network & Socialize with other parents 48%
 - Learn about topics via guest speakers 35%
- 65% of respondents said they would be more likely to attend PA meetings if there was an informational speaker. Topics respondents were interested in were:
 - College preparation 80%
 - Financing College 68%
 - Cyber bullying & online safety 51%
 - Teen dating & healthy relationships 49%
 - Teen health 48%
 - Alcohol and drug abuse: facts & prevention 39%
 - Guide to gaming & social networking 39%
- 89% of respondents felt the PA is doing just the right amount of fundraisers
- The Parents Association will use this information in planning the upcoming year's events.

A finance update was provided. Current checking account balance is \$2,911.08. The finance committee approved the 2017-2018 budget. The budget was reviewed and questions were answered.

There was a recap on previous events:

- The gently used clothing sale was held in June and made \$555. Also, for the first time a gently used MMI apparel sale was held at orientation and made a profit of \$180.00.
- Spirit Day was held on Friday, September 1st. The PA participated by providing drinks, snacks and ice cream. A thank you was extended to all parents who helped that day.

The following upcoming events were discussed:

- T-Shirt sale – as a way to celebrate school spirit, the PA is holding a t-shirt sale with a limited edition design - #MMIProud. Orders are due by September 12th. Parent help is needed to sort the order when it comes in.
- Harvest Bingo – will be held on Sunday, October 1st. Doors open at noon. A volunteer sheet was emailed to all parents. There is a lot of opportunity to help. All chairperson positions are filled except for Tricky Trays and Bake Sale. (Tricky Tray chair position was filled after the meeting.)
- Harvest Dance – will be held on Saturday, November 4th for students in upper school (grades 9-12). A chairperson for this event is needed. A committee meeting will be held in the next few weeks.
- Box Tops – Jill Symbula spoke to the group about the Box Top program. In addition to sending in box tops, there is also an app that can be used to earn more box tops for our school. Please send in box tops to school. There is a collection box at the office window.

A calendar of events and meeting dates was provided.

Volunteer interest forms were distributed.

Mr. Scott Wiggins, Head of School, addressed the group about changes in personnel for this academic year and answered questions.

**Next Parents Association Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m.**

Speaker: PA State Trooper Anthony Petroski

Topic: Cyber Bulling and Online Safety