MMS Parents Group
October 3, 2016 Minutes

In Attendance: Joy Myers, Holly Yeko, Kelly Battersby, Teresa Andress, Michele Scherdin, Andrea Ehle, Laura Jennaro, Matt Biederwolf.

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:10 PM.

Guest Speaker: Guest Jeremy Bilhorn, Milton High School Principal, presented information and fielded questions regarding the upcoming vote on the two referenda which will appear on the November ballot.

Minutes: September, 2016 minutes were reviewed; Andrea Ehle moved to approve; Holly Yeko seconded; approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joy Myers moved to approve the balance sheet; Andrea seconded; approved.

Old Business:

Rec Night: Our first Rec Night was held on 09/23, and the net profit was approximately $1252. Parents managed this with Mrs. Jennaro present but without paid school staff. Some concerns were discussed that if we do not have at least a few staff, it is more difficult to maintain control in the areas of the school where she and/or Mr. Biederwolf are not present as we have some students who do not afford parents the same respect as school staff. Other school staff costs the parent group $20 per hour for 3 hours for each person. This will remain under review and consideration for future Rec Nights, the next of which is scheduled for November 18.

Magazine sale: Despite including foodstuffs in the sale this year, we saw another year of significant decline in sales and the resulting profit, although buyouts significantly increased compared to last year. Final figures are not yet available, but approximate sale profit is $4400, while buyouts have reached $3215 so far. As a result, additional fundraisers will have to be considered and implemented during this school year in order to reach the income necessary to support our anticipated budget. **Buyout donations are welcome at any time throughout the school year.**

Additional Fundraisers: We determined that we need to consider non-sales-type fundraisers. Kelly Battersby has offered to try running a school store, which Mrs. Jennaro agreed can be done. Details are still to be worked out. We are considering food sales at MMS sporting events, which would likely be on Monday, Tuesday and/or Thursdays immediately after school in the cafeteria. Mrs. Jennaro also noted that our school no longer has a book fair because our past sales did not qualify to have the shelf cases that can just be closed up. If we could commit to more sales, perhaps Scholastic would let us have them again. Other ideas included donkey basketball and a Color Fun Run.

Conference Meals: Fall conferences are W/Th, 10/19-20. Mike Pan, the owner of the China Garden restaurant, has generously offered to donate a party meal for these conferences. An email has been sent from the Parents Group email to all those parents who volunteered to provide food for conference meals to ask for other necessary supplies to be delivered to school by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18. **If anyone would like to donate** but did not receive an email, please email the Parents Group at mmswiparentgroup@gmail.com or call Joy Myers at 608-359-9682.

Budget review and approval discussion: The budget was reviewed and discussed, but we still did not vote on a final version because we are still awaiting multiple funding requests with at least the approximate dollar amounts desired. Mrs. Jennaro will advise staff that **all such requests must be submitted before our next meeting date of November 7 for consideration**; otherwise, the funding may not be allocated or available. Also, the water cooler item is still being worked, as the cost is greater than anticipated. The soda cooler is still needed.

New Business

Funding Requests: There were two funding requests:

Miss Rothering's newspaper staff have ordered apparel; however, there was a separate set-up fee and a couple of "scholarships" which came to $70 for which she has requested reimbursement. Joy Myers moved to approve; Kelly seconded; approved.

Mrs. Jennaro had requested that we consider covering the purchase of 60 copies of one of the books being read this year so that all staff could have a copy. This would have been $480. Due to the uncertainty surrounding this year's budget, we agreed to fund half ($240). Kelly moved; Andrea seconded; approved.

Thank You Notes: Notes will be sent to the following area businesses:

Newville Culver's for the delivery of the frozen custard and the Scoopie mascot for the fundraiser kickoff
Cowley's Piggly Wiggly for T-shirts and candy provided as prizes for the fundraiser
Arvin's Custom Carpentry for cutting the prize wheel circle and the materials for same
B&B Inflatables in South Beloit for giving a discount on the inflatables they delivered and picked up for Rec Night
Meyer's Farm Market for giving a discount on the pumpkins purchased for Rec Night

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.