

Morningside High Monarchs Alumni Association
Board Meeting General Minutes
April 1, 2017 (Corrected)
Home of Charlene Brax-Ospital

- I. **Welcome:** The MHMAA Board meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by President Beverly Silsbee. Members present: Beverly Silsbee, Charlene Brax-Ospital, Patsy Brierley, Nancy Larr, Hal Hunt, Linda Thompson, Chuck Baldwin, Carrie Colby, David Bustamante and Dawn Vincent.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Chuck to approve the minutes and was seconded by Nancy. The motion was unanimously approved.
- III. **Finance Report:** No Finance Report was submitted.
- IV. **2016-17 Planning:**

A. Scholarship Update: Dave updated the Board on the scholarship process. Thirty two applications were received, including 4 Torch and 3 Trade & Tech applications. Charlene and Dave reviewed all 32 applications and presented 16 qualified applicants to the Scholarship Committee. The Committee reviewed both the applications and essays, and scored each student based on preselected evaluation criteria developed by Charlene and Dave. The Committee will meet on May 1 and 2 at MHS to interview candidates and rank them based on their applications, essays and their college readiness. The Scholarship Committee consists of Charlene, Hal, Dawn, Patsy, Valerie Records, Dave Brown Alan Lansover, Marla Schroeder and Sonia Maldonado.

B. Teacher Grants Update: Beverly updated the Board on teacher grant activity. MHMAA funded transportation for an ASB sponsored ice skating event. Beverly continues to encourage teachers who have been approved for grants to submit receipts and required paperwork so that 2016-17 budgeted grant funds are awarded. Recently, a \$1,600 grant request was made for digital voice recording equipment. There are 30 MHS students enrolled in AP Spanish who will need access to recording equipment to complete their final AP Spanish exam. While this amount was not previously approved in the 2016-17 budget, Beverly explained that 2016-17 grant funds remain available. She further requested that the Board grant an exception and approve this late request. A motion to approve

was made by Dave and seconded by Carrie. The item was unanimously approved.

C. Spring Socials Update: Beverly shared that a flyer was emailed to all donors and members. Each Board member was encouraged to bring a dish. The appreciation socials will be held on April 29 (Vincent), May 13 (Bustamante) and June 24 (Silsbee).

- V. **Charter School at MHS:** Beverly attended the March 14th Los Angeles County Office of Education Board hearing regarding Green Dot Charter's application to extend their existing K-8 charter operation to grades 9-12 on the MHS campus. Beverly spoke on behalf of MHMAA expressing concerns about Green Dot proposal, as did others from MHS, including students and teachers. She reported that the hearing was long and quite heated, but ultimately the LACOE staff presented a report recommending a 3 year trial for the charter expansion at MHS. The LACOE Board agreed to the staff recommendation and approved the Green Dot Charter.
- VI. **Other Business:** Beverly reported that IUSD's state appointed Superintendent, Dr. Matthews, will be leaving IUSD for San Francisco USD. The State is required to actively solicit and seek comments from all community stakeholders prior to selecting the next Superintendent. The next Board meeting will be held on August 26th at 10:30 a.m. at Charlene's home. This meeting will serve as the annual MHMAA Board Retreat.
- VII. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m. Lunch was provided while Board members helped collate the spring campaign mailer. Each member provided \$10 to offset luncheon expenses.

Respectively Submitted,

Dawn Vincent, MHMAA Secretary