

Morningside High Monarchs Alumni Association
Annual General Minutes
October 13, 2016
Morningside High School Library

I. Welcome Program:

President Silsbee welcomed guests and MHMAA members and gave a brief overview of MHMAA's 7th anniversary year, sharing that – thanks to generous alumni support – each year the association has been able to increase its support to Morningside High. Members of the association each introduced themselves.

Mr. Isaac Burgess, the incoming MHS principal, thanked the group for their past support and his desire to work with the MHMAA in the coming year. He also announced that a robotics club had been formed and that the Pathways programs were continuing. He introduced several staff members in attendance including Mr. Jevon Davis, Assistant Principal, Ms. Kimberley Kirkwood, Vice Principal, and teaching staff including Ms. Manning, Mr. Brown and Mr. Connor. Amy Sessine, ASB Class President and Evan Hart, Class of 2019 ASB representative welcomed the association and shared some of their plans for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Reginald Sirs joined the meeting to update the association about progress at IUSD. The administration is focused on student achievement and fiscal solvency. Dr. Sirs' primary focus is on secondary education at IUSD and he reviewed the career programs being offered to secondary students. Career pathways in engineering (Project Lead the Way), business and finance and graphic arts offer certificated programs and help with post graduate career placement. Dr. Sirs provided an update on the status of facility improvements at MHS noting that new windows and lighting would be installed with money from federal grants and local bond money. A \$90 million bond was approved by voters in 2012, but most of the bond money will be directed at IHS at this time. Dr. Sirs indicated that the districtwide capital facility need is over \$550 million.

Special education teacher, Mr. Stephen Brown, received a MHMAA teacher grant last year and thanked the association for our support.

Government and US History teacher Ms. Manning also received a grant and purchased a flat screen television so that her students could watch the 2016 election news. She planned to hold a mock election on October 20th with her students. Ms. Manning was very appreciative of the grant money.

A luncheon honoring over 15 Morningside students followed the presentations. Students were encouraged to sit with members during lunch to become better acquainted. After

lunch, members introduced each student and presented the students with ASB activity cards funded by MHMAA.

II. Minutes:

Beverly Silsbee called the annual general meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. Linda Jeffe Thompson, Secretary, reported that a quorum was present for the business meeting. The minutes had been distributed with the meeting packet by electronic communication. The minutes had been also been posted on the website. Charlene Brax Ospital moved that: The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting be approved as mailed. Seconded: Linda Jeffe Thompson; The motion passed.

III. Annual Report:

A. Financial Report: Charlene Brax Ospital, Vice President and Finance Committee Chair, gave the financial report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. Total Income was \$36,644 with \$6,000 in scholarship donations, \$2,000 donated to the Craig Silsbee Memorial Fund and over \$22,000 in net profit from the Spring Campaign. Income over expenses was \$5,127. Expenses totaled \$31,516, with \$28,824 (91%) expensed on give-back projects to MHS. As of June 30, the balance was \$59,973.

B. Teacher Grants: Beverly Silsbee announced that nine teacher grants were awarded this year to enhance instruction at MHS. The 2015-16 projects included:

1. Music: field trip, marching band harnesses, Spring Celebration costs
2. Foreign Languages: MOLAA field trip
3. Drama: Costume, production costs
4. English/Literature: Barnes and Noble field trip and book purchases
5. Science – MESA supplies and bus transportation
6. Special Education: Instructional supplies and equipment
7. Counseling: LA College of Music field trip
8. ASB Ice Skating Field Trip
9. Special Ed: Field trip to Aquarium of the Pacific

Other special projects/programs funded included:

- Principal Focus: Transportation for senior picnic to El Dorado Park
- MHS Sports: Girls varsity basketball uniforms

Beverly shared that applications for 2016-17 grants were distributed to the teachers on August 22nd. A teacher luncheon was held on September 15th to provide more information on the grant process. All applications were due September 29th.

C. Website/Emails: The website is updated at least three times a year by Charlene Brax Ospital, MHMAA Webmaster. The Summer Edition included pictures that highlighted activities during the last school year. The average number of visitors has been about 10-20 hits per day. Charlene reported that a link to PayPal payment link is now functional on the website. She thanked Hal Hunt for his help enabling the payment feature and added that to date, six donations have come through PayPal. The next website update is planned after the October General Meeting.

D. Membership: Patsy Brierley, Membership Committee Chair presented the annual report. As of June 30, 2016 there were 161 active members, 34 annual members, 86 life members and 41 student members. As of October 12th and for the 2016-17 year, the membership roster stood at 140 active members, 10 annual members, 89 life members and 41 student members. MHMAA allows all graduates to join as active members free for 10 years.

E. Scholarship Committee Report: Dave Bustamante, Scholarship Committee Chair presented the annual report. Additional members of the committee included, Charlene Brax Ospital, Marla Schroeder, Valerie Records, Dawn Vincent, Vincent Migliazzo, Alan Lansover, Patsy Brierley, Sonia Maldonado, and Chuck Baldwin. Dave reported that this year the committee awarded \$17,500 in scholarships.

The committee increased the number of the \$1000 scholarships compared to the previous year. As was the case in 2014-15, the increase was due to the generosity of members of the scholarship committee who, upon reviewing the qualifications of the applicants, realized that the number of scholarships that MHMAA could offer was insufficient. Dave thanked Dawn Vincent and Patsy Brierley for their generosity. MHMAA also increased the number of \$500 scholarship renewals for our ongoing scholars to eleven, awarded the \$1500 Craig Silsbee Memorial Scholarship in Technology and the Trades, and two \$250 Torch Awards. Due to three last minute donations, the committee was able to exactly balance its pre-established budget. In addition, Dave also thanked Mr. W. Tracey Lenocker, on behalf of the W. A. Tucker Foundation, for once again generously supporting MHMAA Scholarships with two \$500 grants to assist students who plan to major in the sciences.

\$1000 MHMAA Scholarships were awarded to seniors Tania Ahumada (UCLA), Airis Hardin (USD), Jackelyn Hernandez (CSULA), Arkel Lord (CSULB), Erick Mayorga (UCB), Kriss Ortega (CSUSJ), Andres Perez (UCLA), Marilin Serrano (UCLA), Zorri Tate (Oregon State) and Max Willems (UCI).

The \$500 MHMAA Torch Awards were awarded to Jacquelynn Medina (CSUN) and Javari Reagan (California National Guard).

The Craig Silsbee Memorial Technology and Trades Scholarship (\$1,500) was awarded to Manual Salas who plans to attend El Camino College studying plumbing and hoping to have a career in architecture.

In 2015-16, eleven MHS grads received \$500 scholarship renewal grants.

IV. 2016-2017 Budget Presentation:

Charlene Brax Ospital, Finance Committee Chair reviewed the 2016-2017 Operating Budget. Projected income totaled \$24, 220. As in 2016, the Board decided that there would be no Spring Celebration fundraiser in 2017. Instead, the Board plans to again solicit donations through direct mail and electronic/website messaging. The projected income from the Spring Campaign is relatively low (\$13,000) as the organization continues to gain experience with this activity. Total projected expense was \$44,075, with \$40,100 (91%) in give-back projects. This reflects an anticipated increase in the teacher grant program (\$16,000) due to greater participation resulting from encouragement of Principal Burgess. Projected net income was (\$19,875). Charlene stated that major give-back expenses (scholarships and teacher grants) occur during the end of the fiscal year and that the budget would be adjusted to reflect actual income and planned expenditures.

V. Board Elections:

Chuck Baldwin, Nominating Chair, reported on the results of the elections. (Ballots were distributed and cast as members checked in for the meeting.) Three nominees were elected to full terms of office were: George Sirovy (1965), Charlene Brax Ospital (1965), and Beverly Worthington Silsbee (1965). The new members will serve through 2019.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Dawn Vincent, MHMAA Secretary