

# Milwaukee High School of the Arts

## PTSO Minutes

### September 8, 2008

**New PTSO Space:** Wow! What a great space for the PTSO. (Thank you, Meridy Moore, CLC Director, for relocating your office, Milly Lee and Mr. Applewhite) The large room is adjacent to the cafeteria, a very convenient location for meetings, projects, events and spirit wear sales.

- It was agreed that the room would be locked at all times when not in use and will be used solely by the PTSO.
- Mr. Applewhite will look into the possibility of providing a room key for one of the PTSO Co-Chairs for easy access, as well as having one in the school office.
- Over the next few weeks volunteers will be organizing the space and taking inventory.

**Election of Officers:** Thank you to the following parents for stepping up! The more experienced parents will be available to assist in any way necessary so that there is a smooth transition from this year to the next.

- Alison Keefe will Co-Chair with Jackie Rozga.
- Natalie Dockerty will be the secretary.
- Mary Collie will be the treasurer.

**PTSO Checking Account:** The PTSO will work with the school's book keeper. She will provide monthly statements of the account to the PTSO, will document accounts receivable and accounts payable, and file the necessary documents to Central Office. The balance carried over from last year was not available at this first meeting. It will be available at the October meeting.

**Art "Major Parents":** A "Major Parent" is someone who creates a bridge with the head of the various art departments, and their particular needs, with the PTSO. Communication is extremely important and teachers don't always either have the time to attend PTSO meetings, or know how we can help. The "Major" parent makes an initial contact with the department head and if the teacher has a particular request for items or assistance the "major parent" brings that information before the PTSO group. "Major parents" are also encouraged to work with their particular art departments on fund raisers for that department. A fund raiser sponsored by a respective department receives the proceeds of that fund raiser. If multiple art departments share in the work, they share in the proceeds. The following parents are "Major" parents:

- Orchestra —Natalie Dockerty and Milly Lee and Jackie Rozga
- Theater—Sara Raasch and Esther Ortiz
- Dance —Sally Maddik
- Creative Writing —Deb Verhagen
- Visual Arts —Mary Jo Glaspey and Cindi Vian
- Jazz/Band— Jo Johnson-Massey and Mary Kay Mcgarrigle
- Vocal—Jackie Rozga and Lisa Burbey

**St. Olaf Concert at MHSA October 11<sup>th</sup>:** Sara Raasch, an alum of St. Olaf College/ daughter is a junior, has made arrangements for the St. Olaf orchestra to perform at MHSA. Natalie Dockerty will help Sara with the event.

- There will be a spaghetti dinner on the 11<sup>th</sup>/\$5 per plate. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$8 for students and can be purchased online at [www.stolaftickets.com](http://www.stolaftickets.com). Tickets will also be available at the door.
- There may be a silent auction to benefit the MHSA Orchestra dept.
- Sara would like an upscale bake sale for just after dinner and/or during intermission. Any department may organize this bake sale as a fund raiser for their art department. Contact Sara to let her know if you are interested.

**Fund Raising:** Art Major parents may work with their departments to organize fund raisers that benefit that department. Some events are held to benefit the PTSO in general such as school events like Open House.

- Sara Raasch and Esther Ortiz are selling Entertainment Books \$35 for large and \$15 for small book to benefit the PTSO.
- Esther Ortiz is also researching Pocket peelers for Pizza Hut, \$10 per card with %7 going to the school. She will report back to the PTSO in October about the details of the fund raiser and obtain instructions regarding how the seed money is provided.
- We will need volunteers to sell Spirit Wear. Some sales will take place during school hours on Fridays and some sales will be held during events and performances at school. Inventory needs to be taken before the sales begin and Natalie and her husband have volunteered to do that.

**Open House Date:** Still unclear. Likely to be on 3rd Friday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. (Revision: Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> is new date.)

**Box Office Volunteers:** Chris Wszalek, PR Director is asking for volunteers to man the box office for performances. There are about 30 events. PTSO recommends that parents from the art department which is performing should volunteer for those events. He will provide the list of performances and the sign up sheet soon.