

Morningside High Monarchs Alumni Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2022
Morningside High School

- I. Welcome: The meeting was called to order in the MHS Parent Room by President Beverly Silsbee at 10:05 a.m. Board Members present: Charlene Brax Ospital, Patsy McMullin Brierly, Nancy Bennett Larr, Carrie Anthony Colby, Dave Bustamonte and Hal Hunt. Beverly's opening remarks included an appreciation of the care and support MHMAA has provided over the years, noting that from 2009 through 2022 we have contributed \$742,015 toward the needs of students and faculty of Morningside High School. This support has included 337 scholarships and other awards, 160 citizenship awards, and 95 teacher grants. Beverly further noted that our support continues as we begin our 14th year.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Following a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting made by Carrie and seconded by Patsy, the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
- III. Election of Board Members: By vote of the members present, Beverly, Charlene, and Susan W. Bartlett were re-elected to three-year board member terms. George Sirovy was re-elected as a Member at Large.
- IV. MHS Update: Dr. Mary Spruce, MHS Assistant Principal, began by stating that MHS enrollment is currently is low at 530 students. She attributed this in part to the presence of a charter high school located less than a mile north of the campus. She listed "critical student needs" at MHS: psychiatric and social services, ESL classes, music, art, drama, and other extracurricular classes. She suggested that "instructional coaches" could help faculty cope with the needs of students in this post-COVID period. Regarding facilities, Dr. Spruce pointed to the pool, tennis courts, football field and gym floor, all in need of immediate repair and/or refurbishment. She went on to include recent positive developments, such as teacher grants "coming in" for film and TV news journalism, a program for "college and professions," new classroom furniture, a recently renovated lecture hall, and new "technical training" opportunities, including the soon to be completed "video game design" classroom studio.
- V. 2021 - 2022 Annual Report - Board of Directors:
 - A. Financial Report –
Charlene presented the Final Operating Budget Summary for the Year Ending June 30, 2022.

In summary, the beginning balance as of July 1, 2021 was \$154,390. Income during the year totaled \$80,400. Expenses during the year totaled \$136,000, with \$131,500 (96%) being spending spent on Give Back programs. The ending balance as of June 30, 2022 was \$108,872.

B. Teacher Grants - Beverly detailed the grant applications received to date: Eddie Conner, \$1500 (Student college tour), Catherine Etuk and Adrian Gonzalez, \$3000 (UCLA/MESA, JPL, Aerospace student projects), Marisa Hirata, \$1500 (Independent Living Curriculum), Dianne Taylor, \$1500 (Nonfiction books for MHS Library), Keith Morris, \$1500 (Support student participation in sports tournaments outside the community, including entry fees and snacks), Douglas Morale, \$1500 (Support robotics team, including materials and snacks), Stephen Diaz, \$1500 (Support adult transition community experiences), Dr. Kiwiana Cain, \$1500 (Principal Focus Grant, purchase of glass case for front of school, support student and teacher incentives and team building opportunities).

C. Scholarship Committee - Dave thanked Charlene for her dedication to our scholarship program over the years and for the extraordinary personal attention she gives each of our scholarship recipients. Charlene detailed the Scholarship Projections for 2022-2024. She presented her beautiful brochure, "2022 Scholarship Program," which includes a brief history, a detailed account of the funding and recipients, and a brief discussion of the circumstances and needs of our students and families, as well as photos of recipients and their thank you letters.

- VI. Other: De'Ontrae Hawkins, Amorie Bonner and Romeo Flores, students recruited by Beverly prior to the meeting, escorted members on a limited tour of the MHS campus, including visits to classrooms of Teacher Grant applicants, MHS Library, Video Game Designing Lab, and Lecture Hall.
- VII. Adjournment: Upon return from the tour and following brief discussion of the experience the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hal Hunt, Acting Secretary