

Morningside High Monarchs Alumni Association
General Meeting
November 6, 2019
MHS Parent Room

- I. **Welcome:** The MHMAA general meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Beverly Silsbee. Board Members present: Beverly Silsbee, Nancy Larr, Charlene Brax-Ospital, Carrie Colby, David Bustamante, Patsy Brierley, and Hal Hunt. Additional active members included Chuck Baldwin and Judy Bains, both of whom were founding members of the association. MHS Principal Traci Gholar was also in attendance.

Ms. Gholar presented an update on Morningside, passing handouts that showed how classrooms throughout the school were being upgraded this year to mitigate sound issues caused by LAX flight patterns. She also showed us a diagram of the school, showing how ultimately the campus was being reshaped into a smaller footprint. Excess land will be either sold or repurposed. The timeline for the soundproofing is one year and the timeline for the reshaping of the school will take an additional 2-4 years. Ms Gholar also shared about several new programs at the school. MHS is collaborating with the LA County Office of Education and LAEP (LA Education Partners) to provide a Community Schools program that nurtures both student welfare and academic success at the school. Liaisons from these partners work with school personnel to provide coaching and staff development to teachers, and centers where snacks, counseling services, computers, and comfy homework stations are available for students within and beyond the school day,

Ms Gholar then took the group on a tour of the school, where we saw some of the new construction going on. We also saw the old woodshop, which is now used by the robotics team. This year there are four school to career programs offered: film and animation; media design, hotel/culinary arts, and film production which will train students for union positions when they graduate.

- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 24, 2018 general meeting were presented. Dave moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Charlene seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
- III. **2018-2019 Annual Report**
Financial Report: Charlene presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Income during the year totaled \$32,819, which included \$18,798 in net profit from the Spring Campaign and the remainder from other generous donations throughout the year. Expenses totaled \$37,539, which included \$35,230 in Give-Back Programs and \$2,309 in Operational Expenses. As of June 30, 2019, MHMAA had a balance of \$64,780. In addition, MHMAA received a \$35,000

contribution from the Earl and Anna Broady Foundation spent on scholarships for seniors and college students.

2019-2020 Operating Budget

Charlene presented the draft operating budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Income during the year is projected to be \$21,000, which would include \$15,000 in net profit from the Spring Campaign and the remainder from other donations throughout the year. Expenses are projected to be \$48,075, to include \$44,925 in Give-Back Programs and \$3,150 in Operational Expenses. As of June 30, 2020, MHMAA is projected to have a balance of \$32,985. In addition, MHMAA is projecting to receive about \$35,000 from the Earl and Anna Broady Foundation, to be spent on scholarships for seniors and college students. Discussion with the Foundation begin in February.

It was M/S/C to approve the budget

Teacher Grants: Beverly reported that 10 teachers had received grant money in the 2018-19 school year to enhance their instructional programs through the purchase of materials, equipment and/or provide enrichment activities for their students. A total of \$13,879 was used for these grants. Ms. Gholar used the MHMAA Principal Fund to provide morale-building opportunities for teachers and students throughout the year.

Scholarship Report: Dave reported that the Scholarship Committee streamlined the process this year, making it easier for all by simplifying the timeline and reducing the number of scholarships. MHMAA provided a total of \$54,500 in scholarships and awards. The 36 \$1,500 academic scholarships included 7 high school seniors and 29 continuing college students (10 freshmen, 13 sophomores, 6 juniors) In addition, there was one senior trade tech and one college trade tech scholarship awarded as part of the Craig Silsbee Memorial Fund. Five \$200 Torch Awards were provided for students who demonstrated personal courage or kindness to others. The Earl and Anna Broady Foundation generously contributed \$35,000 toward the academic scholarship program for seniors and college students. Dave thanked the Scholarship Committee - Charlene Ospital, Patsy Brierley, Alan Lasnover, Hal Hunt, and Dawn Vincent - for their continued support and service.

IV **MHMAA Board Members Election Results:** Hal Hunt reported that the suggested slate of board member candidates was unanimously elected. Congratulations to Beverly Silsbee, George Sirovy, and Charlene Brax Ospital, who were elected for another three-year term.

The general meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly W. Silsbee, Acting Secretary