

Morningside High Monarchs Alumni Association  
Board Meeting General Minutes  
**September 21, 2021**  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. **Welcome:** The MHMAA Board meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Beverly Silsbee. Members present: Charlene Brax- Ospital, Carrie Anthony, Patsy Brierley, George Sirovy, David Bustamante and Dawn Vincent.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the September 28, 2020 meeting were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Carrie to approve the minutes and was seconded by Patsy. The motion was unanimously approved.
- III. **MHS Update:** Beverly provided an overview of her recent communications with staff. She and Charlene met with the newly appointed principal, Gabriel Griego. Mr. Griego was a former vice principal at MHS and most recently, served in the role of principal for LAUSD. The meeting included a history of MHMAA, the scholarship program and teacher grant opportunities. He was very enthusiastic and supportive of MHMAA and he offered to coordinate teacher grants.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. *Budget* – Charlene gave the Board an overview of the 2020/21 year. We exceeded our projected income with the annual \$50k grant from the Broady Foundation and an additional \$23k collected during the virtual spring celebration. Our expenses were tied to scholarships, teacher grants/luncheon, technology devices and student gift cards. We began our 2021/22 year with \$154k.
  - B. *Scholarship* – Dave presented the following highlights from the 2021 program: 37 scholarships awarded totaling \$111k. Each student scholar received \$3k. The awards were made to 10 MHS seniors, 10 freshman, 7 sophomores and 10 juniors enrolled in college. The scholarships were funded with \$50k from the Broady Foundation and \$61k from MHMAA coffers. The MHMAA funds included \$26k from the Arrillaga and Duda donations received in 2020 and \$9k from MHMAA general fund. The remaining balance of the Arrillaga and Duda donations (\$36k each) will be used to fund more scholarships in 2022. Dave explained that it is expected that we will be able to award scholarships at the same level as in 2021 based on the availability of existing funds and a minimum \$50k grant from the Broady Foundation. Any additional scholarship donations from the membership will also be directed to 2022 scholarships.
- V. **Five Year Plan:** Beverly discussed the future of MHMAA and its leadership. Several Board members raised concerns about the future management of the website, annual fundraising efforts, coordinating with new and past scholars, maintaining the teacher grant process and communication with site administrators. Beverly discussed options for the organization's future. As MHMAA is a 501(c)(3), we will need to retain professional advisors (legal and financial) to help with transition planning that may involve dissolving the organization and required filings

with the State and IRS. Dawn volunteered to research possible consultants for Beverly to contact. It was agreed that this topic would be further discussed by the Board.

VI. **New Business:** The next General Meeting for all members will be held on Tuesday, October 19th, 10 to 12 pm. The meeting will be conducted via zoom. It was agreed that a preparation zoom call should be scheduled to run through the logistics of conducting a virtual meeting. The preparation call was scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Dawn volunteered to host and coordinate both zoom meetings.

VII. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectively Submitted,  
Dawn Vincent, MHMAA Secretary