

Miami Palmetto Senior High School PTSA General Meeting
October 14, 2021
Minutes

I. Call to Order: 7:07pm & Approval of Minutes

II. Principal's Report- Ms. Dobbs

- a. Construction – punch list items, new basketball courts, blackbox theater, performing arts wing all finishing up, auditorium no date yet for completion, hoping for early January.
- b. parking and traffic – last container removed from construction site that was on parking lot, will begin selling 150 spots left as soon as possible by Mr. Tellechea. Will lead to relief in traffic since will curb parking on perimeter of school once students parking inside the lot. Working with Pinecrest Police and school resource office to control traffic and to coordinate crossing to school from the parking lots across 120th St. Will continue to work to ease traffic.
- c. Parent volunteers now allowed on campus on limited basis. Helping out in attendance office and will begin having people volunteer in main office for copies. There will be a training next week for working with photocopies.
- d. Homecoming – have been enjoying what feels like normal event. Lots of activities on campus, Panther Prowl today in the gym fully sold out 500 students per session (2). It was a lot of fun, spectacular skits from the classes. Our game against Southridge on Friday at Tropical Park. Our football team are district champs. Saturday night we will host homecoming dance in the gym.
- e. Questions: none received in the chat. If there are any questions, please put them in the chat and we will ask Ms. Dobbs and get back to you with answers. What happened to the alma matter sign that was in the auditorium? It is being restored by a volunteer and it will be placed in the gym once it is completed.

III. Student Activities – Elizabeth Valero

- a. Best way to know what's going on is through the virtual activities office and it can be accessed through the school website.
- b. Homecoming activities were wonderful. Kids very excited about participating. There was a lot of energy and enthusiasm. We sold out two Panther Prowl sessions with 500 students in attendance at each. Seniors and Juniors tied for 1st. Sophomores 2nd and Freshmen 3rd. To buy tickets to the game visit www.gofan.co Pictures will be available on social media.
- c. Live-feeds of school activities already available at 9:30 every B day, Mondays we are off. Link get from Valero.
- d. Homecoming Dance first time on campus and preparations underway with caterer and DJ. Pictures will be made available on social media.
- e. Collecting canned food for Thanksgiving for 3 charities and will be doing a toy drive also for 3 organizations. More information to follow.
- f. Questions: Big blow up screen used in the gym was purchased by PTSA and it was a big hit during Panther Prowl. Please email any questions to Ms. Valero.
- g. Please remember to follow Linda Dwyer – on IG @MiamiPalmettoCAP FB Current College Information for Friends and Families from Palmetto. College visits please sign up on SCOIR. All grade levels please sign up on SCOIR. If you have questions about college, options, make an appointment with Linda Dwyer at lindadwyer@dadeschools.net
- h. Student Services please reach out to counselors. Slide with contact information presented.

IV. President's Report- Gina Vinueza

- a. Special Projects for grants \$500 over we have \$20K available for whatever teachers ask for and decided upon with Ms. Dobbs and PTSA Board. Dionne
- b. Parking space painting for winner of auction and for seniors will be available. Hoping that this will come soon once the extra parking spots become available. Stay tuned for dates.

- c. Field Update- still waiting to hear from NFL by end of next month and will then announce it and then get an aggressive fundraising campaign going to raise funds.
- d. Communications – Please contact Katie Abbott katielabbott@comcast.net for any announcements and please sign up for our weekly newsletter for up to date information on what's going on a MPSH. You can go to our web site and sign up for weekly newsletters.
- e. Traffic – slide of school map shown and traffic flow.

V. Treasurer Report – Maritza Shapiro

- a. Budget slides presented; \$40,994.67 beginning balance, -\$5,403.32 checks and debits \$18,340.12 for an ending balance of \$53,931.47
- b. Fundraising revenues from Love Our Panthers, Pinecrest Village Grant, PTSA membership contributions, community events and merchandise sales \$47,900.60
- c. Expenses; community building & hospitality (staff appreciation, holiday luncheon, parent welcome event staff professional development), fundraising (banner printing, book fair, silent auction), operations (PTA dues, insurance, printing, website), program services (club grants, college fair, panther preview, SAT/ACT assistance), and summer interim expenses total of \$5,125.32.
- d. Additional expenses expected
- e. Gross Revenues \$47,900.60, Total Expenses \$5,125.32 and Net Revenues \$42,775.28
- f. Funds carried over from 2020-2021 \$23,086.23 for total Net Balance of \$65,861.51
- g. Full report available on website

VI. Membership – Memberhub Nicole Zimelem

- a. 881 members so far and our goal is 1,000.
- b. easiest way to check your membership is through MemberHub or you can email Nicole Zimelman and she will check for you.
- c. Total enrollment in school +2,700 students and only have 340 student PTSA members; 9th grade 119, 10th 88, 11th 78 and 12th 55.

VII. Sponsorships – Elyssa Lewis

- a. Thank you to our business and family sponsors. We are tremendously grateful for the generosity of all of our sponsors. Banners have started going up and it looks like the entire fence will be covered in recognition banners. We're at + \$42,000 in sponsorships so far.
- b. Love Our Panthers sponsors, if you don't see your name on the recognition communications, please contact us as we do not want to miss anyone. We are so grateful for every donation.
- c. We will make our next order of banners shortly.
- d. You've Been Pawed fundraiser will be back. We will do Pawed'ember you can purchase them on MemberHub. If you're interested in volunteering to Paw'd people please let us know.
- e. MemberHub forms are available on our website if you would rather not donate online.
- f. Please do AmazonSmile and add MPSHPTSA as your charity and we get a percentage of your purchase. It's an easy way to donate money to our school on purchases you're already making.

VIII. Legislative Angelina Astic (Student Advocacy Chair)

- a. Our report is posted on our website with legislative updates and calls to action.
- b. We are not a political organization but we do take positions on items that affect/impact public education, teachers and/or students and there may be calls to action to act on these issues.
- c. Currently working on lining up speakers for virtual events for our students related to advocacy, diversity and inclusion.
- d. Luisa Santos created a Fellowship and they have opened up application process for students to work in her office 2022-2023 school year. Great opportunity to get involved in local education policy. Ms. Zamora will be coming to due Oct 28th to talk more about the role and the application process. Please reach out to us if you have any additional questions.

- e. Through student newspaper there is a legislative blog that is geared towards students and things that affect/interest them.

IX. Athletics Liaison Chair – Jen Gould

- a. Going to start selling Palmetto athletic gear with the goal of generating funds for new field. Hoping to have link up in the next couple of weeks. Working on creating a booster club to help generate money for the field and for school athletics.
- b. Girls soccer tryouts at 3pm on Oct 18th.

X. Student Report

- a. The Panther Prowl was great! Juniors and Seniors tied for 1st place. Sophomores 2nd place and Freshmen 3rd place. Videos will be shared with PTSA to be shared on social media soon.
- b. Students very excited about Homecoming and lots of preparations underway.
- c. Please go out and support the game at Tropical Park on Friday Oct 15th. It's a great way to show school spirit. Please wear blue. The games are a lot of fun. You're supporting our students and it's a great way to get back to a sense of normalcy. Come cheer on our team!
- d. Our football team are District Champions this year.
- e. Questions: How can students find out about clubs? There was an on-campus club fair where the 60+ clubs were represented. If your student missed it, please go to school website under the student activities tab for a list of clubs and contacts or contact Ms. Valero for more information.
- f. College applications due soon! Seniors keep working on them and good luck!
- g. Class of 2022 please make sure you contact FoxMar by January 8th to have your picture in the yearbook
- h. Yearbook senior adds are on sale
- i. Teen Talk Round Table sessions in the media center on the first Wednesday of each month from 2:30-3:30. Join us for open conversation on mental health and wellness.
- j. Yearbook prices will continue to increase and they do sell out, purchase yours as soon as you can
- k. Seniors don't forget to sign up for SCOIR
- l. Sharing Wear to order school spirit wear, money goes to school and to a different charity each month
- m. Follow your class on IG @mpshs.22, @mpshs23, @mpshs24, @mpshs25
- n. Activities office online via website is a great place to get information
- o. To contact any PTSA board members please email PTSA.mpsh@gmail.com

XI. New Business – none

XII. Dates:

Oct 15	Homecoming Game, 7:30 pm @Tropical Park		
Oct 16	Homecoming Dance		
Oct 29	No School (Teacher Planning Day)	Nov 11	No School (Veteran's Day)
Nov 10	PTSA General Meeting 7 pm	Nov 24-26	No School Thanksgiving Break

XIII. Adjournment 7:55pm

**Next General Meeting
Wednesday, November 10th at 7pm via Zoom**