

MSA Booster Club Minutes
Via Zoom Meeting
4-27-2020

Meeting called to Order: 7:10PM

Board Present: Shelley Brough, Deepak Kanwar, Gaurav Jhaveri, Hazel Dolar, Jigisha Doshi, Maha Ramanan, Vasu Santhanam, Rakesh Kumar, Dimpy Koul, Rama Pakala

Board Minutes Ratified: Shelley Brough

- Minutes for February 2020, March 23,2020 (via Zoom), and April 13, 2020 (via Zoom) were accepted and ratified. They will be updated to the MSA webpage.

MSA Coordinator: Donald Lam

- Plans are in the works for a virtual MSA Commitment night for the incoming 9th graders

MSA Student Officer: Ann Phan

- Students are working on a virtual video for Mrs. Matney (who is retiring this year)
- Students will be working on the MSA Memories Booklet soon

Treasurer: Vasu Santhanam

- Current bank balance = \$15,668.14
 - Previous granted requests waiting to be paid:
 - Cox grant = \$1,204.00
 - Finley grant = \$1,511.34
 - Memories Booklet = \$ 280.00
 - Treasurer also made a request to make a change in current check writing practices to require only one signature on checks instead of two as written in the bylaws. This would be a temporary practice during this pandemic time. Board will vote on this per survey monkey.

Education: Rakesh Kumar, Jigisha Doshi, Deepak Kanwar

- Education chairs shared that they had placements for all Rising Seniors and some Rising Juniors for internships this summer, but due to the coronavirus situation, placements were either cancelled or tbd at a later time. It was disappointing since a lot of work went into obtaining these placements.

Grants: Gaurav Jhaveri

- It was reported that Dr. Poche's grant request for \$5,000 to update NMR software equipment was funded by the Fort Bend Education Foundation. The MSA grant committee was integral in assisting Dr. Poche in this grant, so this was a major accomplishment by the grants committee. Part of the grant included matching funds (\$1,000.00) from the MSA Booster Club
 - Motion was made by Jigisha Doshi to fund \$1,000 as matching request to the grant to update the NMR equipment in DHS Chemistry Department. Motion was seconded by Rama Pakala.

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- A voting poll was taken via zoom:
 - Results: the motion passed unanimously, with 8 members voting YES.

Marketing: Dr. Dimpy Koul

- Proposed a College information session for rising seniors to gain information on the college application process. Suggested to get Mrs. Warren involved to do a specific session with MSA students. Jigisha Doshi has offered her services to conduct the session, date to be decided.

Membership: Hazel Dolar

- \$3200 raised through membership this year
- Mr. Lam wanted to know if incoming parents could pay online via the MSA Website, which was answered in the affirmative.
- It was noted that this will be Hazel's last year on the board as she has a graduating senior. She was acknowledged and thanked for her contribution to the MSA Board over the past few years.

President update: Shelley Brough

- The district has potential graduation date in July (July 20, 2020). DHS Principal is open to us scheduling a banquet near that time if that does take place. More to come on that subject.
- The deposit of \$2,000 made to Safari Texas will be transferred to next year's banquet. Will check with Sonali Tayi to get that in writing from Safari Texas.
- An email was sent to the board regarding the incoming Board slate. Currently 8 positions out of 23 are open. Waiting to hear back from board members if any changes need to be made, and then will send out the list to the general membership for recruiting new members.
- MSA Profile:
 - Feedback from Deepak... will be taken into consideration
 - The President thanked Mr. Lam for his help and contribution
 - Looking for any other feedback
 - Will be put into the website once everyone is ok with the structure.
- Discussion if current website would continue, and the answer was yes, and Dr. Yun Wan is staying on the board and will be able to upkeep it.
- General Board Meeting in May – if bylaw changes there needs to be 40% of membership participation.
- Suggestion was made by board member to look at Texas PTA for process to guide May's General Board meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM