



MCHS Academic Boosters Club Agenda

Jan 24, 2023

5:30 PM

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MCHS Academic Boosters Club
Minutes
Nov 15, 2022
5:30 PM, Zoom

Board members present: Jill Harry (chair/secretary), Leigh Westerlund (treasurer), Tara Schiff (late), Lordelyn Del Rosario

Board member absent: Ruth Smiley (vice chair)

Public: Collette Cole

I. Call to order

Jill called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

II. Approval of minutes from Nov 15 meeting

Leigh moved to approve the minutes. Lyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Business and Finance

A. Nov Treasurer's Report

ABC had a beginning balance of \$23,705. Ending balance was \$22,781.02. Deposits equaled \$54.04 and withdrawals equaled \$978.45.

Jill moved to approve the budget report. Lyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. 2022-2023 Budget Overview

Jill noted that we have received \$1,945 to date in our Season of Giving campaign. Our goal is \$2,700. She noted that we only received \$251 from Facebook's GivingTuesday campaign. Our goal had been \$600. Jill believes part of this is due to changes at Facebook and part is giving fatigue.

ABC was previously approved and set up for direct donations through Facebook, but FB recently changed its requirements so that bank accounts associated with PO Boxes are not acceptable. The bank account must have a physical address. Jill will get the requirements to Leigh so that she can work on meeting them, possibly putting the high school address as ABC's physical address.

Jill thinks part of the reason for less donations on Giving Tuesday and maybe in ABC's Season of Giving campaign is donation fatigue. There have been so many fundraisers associated with the very worthy Oak Fire Recovery effort that she thinks many have given what they can already. Others agreed with this. It is unknown whether or not we will receive donations from our Anonymous Donor, HHSa, Probation, or Premier Valley Bank this year. Leigh suggested writing a letter to the director of HHSa. Luckily, we have a strong bank balance for this year; we can withstand spending more than we receive. But fundraising efforts will need to be looked at for future years.

IV. Programs

A. Career Lunch

- Thursday, Dec 8 Cal Fire lunch results

Right before Career Lunch, the high school had a fire alarm evacuation. Students in the Ag Foods and Processing class had been making gingerbread and some burnt gingerbread caused the fire alarm to go off. Our Cal Fire presenters were there and suited up, but luckily, it was a false alarm and students were back in classrooms before the lunch bell rang.

Jill noted this was an expensive Career Lunch for us. 31 students signed up, plus we had 4 Cal Fire lunch orders, plus somehow Stage Stop had one additional order for 36 sandwiches/

chips/water at a total cost of \$446.17 (with a discount). Though not ideal, that would have been okay but we had 10 students not show up. Collette said 6 were out sick, 2 were called in to meetings, and she has put the final 2 on probation for future lunches. They will not be approved for future lunches without first having a conversation with Collette and guarantee of showing up. That's \$120 we could have saved. Jill took 3 sandwiches and has written ABC a check for them to help offset that cost. Collette will let know ASAP the morning of future Career Lunches how many of those signed up are out sick so that Jill can adjust the order.

Collette suggested getting pizzas as a less expensive alternative. Jill noted that we will get pizza for one of the lunches, but we are trying to spread the business around to multiple local eateries, plus the cost of lunch isn't the problem if students are participating and eating the lunches. It's the waste of lunches when they sign up but don't participate that is the problem.

Jill has been in touch with 1850 and will get a couple of choices for students at \$10 each for the next Career Lunch. She also plans to work out something with Sticks, especially if Zach is one of the presenters.

- Thursday, Jan 12 planning - Andy Carter, MCHS grad, Mariposa County
Tara arrived and confirmed that Andy Carter will be presenting on Jan 12.
- future schedule

Zach from Sticks Coffee will present in February, talking about being an entrepreneur. March will be Nathan Savig's wife who does hiring for Yosemite park service; April, bio medical person who Tara knows; May, Rick Blaloch, IT.

B. Gift Cards for students - refresh supply

The counseling office is using up the last of its gift cards as this semester ends. They have requested a replenishment of \$5 gift cards. Places suggested: Sticks, Subway, Pizza Factory, Donuts a-go-go, Pony Espresso, Pioneer, and the Lemon Drop. Tara moved to get an assortment of 20 \$5 gift cards for a total of \$100. Lyn seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. On the Right Track

Tara had a meeting with her Calaveras contacts. They say they will help with whatever we need. Tara needs a date from Celeste as soon as Collette can get it so that Calaveras can scheduled their events to not conflict with ours. Tara will start looking over materials and organizing. The event will be 2-3 hours, maybe 9-12, ending with lunch. Business sponsorships will make this a fundraiser.

V. Recruiting future board members

A. Letter to 7th/8th grade parents - asking schools to distribute

Jill had hoped to have a draft letter for everyone to look over at this meeting, but it is not ready. She will send it around for comments when it is.

VI. Open Forum

There were no open forum items.

VII. Set Date, Time, and Location for Next Meeting

The next meeting is happening January 17 at 5:30 via Zoom.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:08.

ABC Treasurer's Report for	Dec-22				
Beginning balance	11/30/22	\$	22,781.02		
Ending balance	12/31/22	\$	32,782.31		
Total deposits		\$	10,447.46		
	12/14/22		\$4,250.00	Anonymous donor	
	12/14/22		\$4,000.00	Mariposa County HHSA donation	
	12/14/22		\$100.00	End of year donations	
	12/11/22		\$202.46	Paypal - giving Tuesday	
	12/14/22		\$1,895.00	Season of giving donations	
Total withdrawals			(\$446.17)		
	591	12/8/22	(\$446.17)	Stage Stop Deli Career Lunch	

FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET										
MCHS ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB										
ANNUAL EXPENSES	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET	FY23 YTD ACTUAL	ANNUAL INCOME	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 BUDGET	FY23 YTD ACTUAL	Notes		
<i>Events and Requests</i>				<i>Fundraisers</i>						
Dinner with a Scientist (AAUW)		\$ (600.00)		Dance Party		\$ 2,500				
Career Lunches		\$ (3,000.00)	\$ (1,336.89)	Year end season of giving	\$ 2,779	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,295			
Academic Achievement Night		\$ (500.00)		Facebook Giving Tuesday	\$ 675	\$ 600	\$ 260			
Valedictorian Dinner	\$ (3,215.00)	\$ (3,600.00)		Amazon Smile	\$ 46	\$ 40	\$ 14			
UC Merced Lab Tours		\$ -								
Community Connections										
California Scholarship Federation field trip		\$ (400.00)		Subtotal fundraisers	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,840	\$ 2,569			
Teacher/Other Requests		\$ (2,000.00)								
Dance Party		\$ (1,600.00)		<i>Donations</i>						
Personal Best Awards	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)		Anonymous*	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,250			
On the Right Track		\$ (3,000.00)		HHSa donation	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000			
Student gift cards	\$ (140.00)		\$ (100.00)	Probation donation	\$ 250	\$ 250				
Staff Club	\$ (325.50)	\$ (500.00)	\$ (135.00)	Anonymous for Valedictorian Dinn	\$ 800					
Staff Appreciation	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,000.00)								
Subtotal Events and Requests	\$ (5,680.50)	\$ (17,200.00)	\$ (1,571.89)	Subtotal donations	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250	\$ 8,250			
<i>Administrative Costs</i>				<i>Corporate Donors</i>						
Postage and office supplies	\$ (205.92)	\$ (250.00)	\$ (453.52)	Sierra Tel						
Insurance and Tax Fees	\$ (756.00)	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (756.00)	Tavis Corp						
California State Statement of Information bi-annually		\$ (20.00)		Premier Valley Bank						
PO Box	\$ (156.00)	\$ (100.00)		Subtotal corporate donors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
New Checks		\$ (30.00)								
Website		\$ (300.00)	\$ (12.00)							
Zoom (monthly \$14.99 x 9 months)	\$ (149.90)	\$ (135.00)		<i>Grants</i>						
Subtotal admin. costs	\$ (1,267.82)	\$ (1,835.00)	\$ (1,221.52)	Mariposa Comm Foundation		\$ -				
<i>Special One Time Costs not covered elsewhere</i>				On the Right Track		\$ 3,000				
Oak Fire Student Survivors		\$ (4,000.00)	\$ (2,500.00)	Subtotal grants	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -			
Harvard Presentation			\$ (260.66)							
Subtotal special one time costs	\$ -	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ (2,760.66)							
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (6,948.32)	\$ (23,035.00)	\$ (5,554.07)	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9,150	\$ 14,090	\$ 10,819			
				ACCOUNT BALANCE						
				BUDGET BALANCE	\$ 2,201	\$ (8,945)	\$ 5,265			



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Premier Valley Bank
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January 26, 2023

Dear Mr. Foraker:

The MCHS Academic Boosters Club, Inc. (ABC) appreciates the bank's past years donations in support of ABC's programs. We are wondering if the donation program continues?

ABC is as committed as ever to providing support to teachers, fortifying learning and enrichment opportunities for students, and celebrating student successes. In a program that has benefitted all graduating students in past years, ABC has made arrangements with MCUSD to allow graduates to keep their Chromebook computers to help them with their future endeavors, or to turn them in for a \$20 gift card, whichever is more useful to them. Would Premier Valley Bank be interested in providing a 2023 \$500 tax-deductible contribution to help ABC with this program?

ABC would gladly promote Premier Valley Bank's generosity with photos and information provided to the *Mariposa Gazette*, *Sierra Sun Times*, and on our social media accounts. We also have a full-featured web site on which we would list Premier Valley Bank on our Sponsor page.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Jill Harry
Chair



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Attachment E

January 25, 2023

Dear Parents of Seventh and Eighth Graders,

When my oldest was in seventh grade, one of the members of the Academic Boosters Club invited me to join the group as a way of starting to become familiar with the high school. I took her up on this invitation and am so glad I did!

Not only did ABC provide me a great introduction to how things work at the high school, but the club also gave me a way to both support students and staff, and connect with a great group of people. I have found the organization so worthwhile that seven years later, I am still a member.

I am reaching out to invite you to join. Now is the perfect time.

Not only will ABC provide you an introduction to the high school (or re-introduction if you already have a student there), but we need you! I am one of two core board members who are “graduating” with our youngest children at the end of this school year. Our transitioning out is the perfect time for you to transition in, learn the ropes, see what you like, and think about suggestions you have for evolving the club in future years.

ABC’s mission is *to supplement and enrich academic experiences and provide educational tools for Mariposa County High School students*. Some of the ways we do this are listed on the back of this page. The possibilities of what more we could do are endless - *if we have people to help*. This is becoming especially crucial as the end of this school year looms closer.

Our next meeting is February X, 5:30 PM via Zoom (<http://bit.ly/ABCzoommtg> Meeting ID: 874 506 7243; Passcode: AjBAz8)

Don’t like meeting via Zoom? We have found it convenient in recent years, but days, times, and ways of meeting are up to the group. Come and let us know what works best for you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at abc.mchs@gmail.com or call me at 209-769-5267. Also feel free to reach out to any of our board members: Ruth Smiley, Leigh Westerlund, Tara Schiff, Lordelyn del Rosario; or members at large: Maria DePrano, Katie Pike, and Kendra Wilde.

Thanks for considering. I look forward to seeing you at a meeting!

Jill Harry
Board Chair

ABC Programs

Career Lunches - At monthly Career Lunches, local professionals talk with students about the path they took to get where they are today and they answer students' questions. ABC provides lunch from local eateries for students to enjoy while they listen, learn, and have their questions answered.

Personal Best Awards - Given at the end of the year, Personal Best Awards recognize with a certificate and \$250 cash award one student in each grade level who overcame difficulty and has made significant progress toward goals. Students submit applications that are anonymously scored by ABC members based on a matrix that looks at personal growth, not perfect writing skills.

Staff Club Prizes - This year, MCHS staff is divided into teams, each with representatives from all positions, with the goal of building unity. On Mondays, the counselors rotate through classrooms and conduct "push-ins" with students on topics such as building self-esteem. During the week, the staff teams interact with the students, reinforcing the messages of the push-ins. The goal is to make the students feel they can talk with any staff member, any time, and to make everyone on campus feel more connected. ABC gladly supports this worthy cause with gift prizes for Staff Club's monthly raffles.

Teacher/Group Requests - ABC funds a variety of staff requests that supplement and enrich student academic experiences. For instance, in past years, ABC has paid for field trips to the Mariposa Museum and History Center, upgraded quiz programs for Spanish and French teachers, donated to the San Francisco *Hamilton* field trip, and the list goes on.

California Scholarship Federation field trips - CSF seeks to recognize students who possess high standards in academics. At MCHS, it is a club available to students who have achieved a 3.5 grade point average after the first term of their freshman year. One of the club's activities is a field trip sponsored by ABC. Past field trips have included ice skating in Yosemite and rollerskating in Merced.

Dinner with a Scientist - ABC co-sponsors AAUW's Dinner with a Scientist event at UC Merced as a means of empowering female students to follow their dreams in fields associated with science and math.

Academic Achievement Night - Starting sophomore year, academic letters (for putting on sweaters or jackets or displaying on walls) are given to students who maintain a 3.5 or greater grade point average throughout the year in recognition of their hard work and positive outcomes. In subsequent years, students who previously earned letters are then eligible to earn bars to add to them. ABC sponsors the letters and bars given out at MCHS's Achievement Night at the end of each school year.

Valedictorian Dinner - ABC hosts a dinner every year for valedictorians, their mentors, and guests in order to recognize the outstanding achievements of these students.

Staff Appreciation Gift Certificates - Early May marks Staff Appreciation Week at MCHS. In gratitude for the dedication MCHS staff shows to students, families, and the entire school community every year, ABC delivers thank you notes and \$20 gift cards to local refreshment spots to teachers, aides, counselors, assistants, office staff, custodians, and to the vice principal and principal.

On the Right Track: For the first time this May, ABC is hosting a new event for seniors similar to a life-sized game of Life where they will follow paths that show them how to open a bank account, take out a loan, buy a car, search for an apartment or house, purchase insurance, and a whole range of other adult activities with the goal of preparing seniors for life after high school.

For more information on all of our programs, visit our website: mchsabc.org.