January Epic Meeting Notes
Jan. 14, 2026

Parents present: Ben Coghlan, Jessica Warner, Alyssa Koerts, Robin Robinson, Mellissa Lindsay, Keila Swindle, and Deborah Coghlan (via facetime).

Mr. Coghlan opened the meeting with prayer.

Ongoing Pastor Appreciation: Mr. Byrd has selected the dates of Feb 17, 2026 and April 21, 2026 for the next two pastor's breakfast. Vanessa will make a spreadsheet laying out the food items needed and a place to sign up for it. We will not need a lot of food for these events. Vanessa will send a text/email to let people know what food items we need and how to sign up to help with this! Thanks for helping MHCA be an encouragement to our local pastors.

Pastries with parents: This event is scheduled for Feb. 5 from 7:00-8:00am. Vanessa has edited the school calendar to reflect those times. The donuts need to be purchased from Harps, chocolate and glazed (half and half). Harps usually also discounts the milk and they will deliver the donuts. The staff usually serves and there is a small amount of decorating beforehand the day before. Sign up to decorate or tear down here! Mr. Pickett is great about making sure everyone that arrives early to help is able to get into the gym.

Widow Ministry: We talked about holding off on discussing the widow's gift for Valentines until the next meeting due to the urgency of our fundraising events. We also briefly discussed the possibility of a widow's luncheon later in the school year or in the future.

FD Ball and NwyK plans:

- Our #1 need is a volunteer coordinator. This position is vital. It involves plugging volunteers into a schedule and overseeing volunteers, giving guidance and leadership the 2 nights of the event.
- We also need someone to make sure our event info gets into the local school newsletters.
- Vanessa will notify the Chamber of Commerce and have them put it on the calendar of events. She will also reach out to KCMH and get the info out there.
- Ben volunteered to contact the local radio stations to get some PSA's out including radio stations in Harrison to expand our reach.

- Thursday, Robin, Jinger, Deborah, Alyssa, Mellissa, and Vanessa will meet beginning at 9:30am to hash out details and order items. Anyone that is available to come and help with that is welcomed to attend. It will most likely be taking place all day.
- **Need:** Are you techy and willing to learn how to set-up, manage, and communicate with guests in regards to learning our ticketing system for our events. It's called Eventbrite. Vanessa will train and assist anyone willing to take over the tech side of the father/daughter ball and night with your knight. This could be a job done completely from your home. If you're willing to do this job and want to know more, reach out to Vanessa at vpeglar@mhcaeagles.org or 870-404-2773 or just show up on Thursday for details.

- All hands on deck to solicit sponsors for our events. Mr Byrd is going to challenge every family to recruit a business partner or individual to sponsor our events. He is preparing an auto call to go out and we will pass out sponsor information in the carline. This will most likely take place next week. Each sponsor will translate as volunteer hours for our families. We will come up with an easy way for families to "sign up" a sponsor, then a way for all families to also see who has already been acquired so we aren't all asking the same businesses.

- The theme for the ball was inspired by a phone call from Hospice. They had used a Derby theme and had leftover decorations. It will be "A day at the Derby." Think big hats, ponies, floral wreaths, etc. The theme is primarily to inspire decor, people do not have to dress according to the theme. The carriages are booked. Robin has reached out to the DJ and is just waiting to hear back from him. We plan to contact Michelle McCoy to see if she would be interested in being our portrait photographer. Robin mentioned we need to find a horse to be out front dressed in racing gear and floral wreaths

Mr. Byrd closed in prayer.

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