

June 2009 PTSA Meeting

The June meeting was called to order at 9:30. In attendance were: Jennifer Bodurtha, Miriam Meese, Jean M. Tompkins, Colleen Joyce, Lauri Harder, Kim Breda, Diane Corcoran, Jill DeSalva, Julie Gorman, Pam Robey, Heidi Erspamer, Margot Abrams, Lisa Devoto, Kathleen Joyce-Kirk, Peggy Palmer, Scott, Palmer, Mary Pat Cieri, Candy Wood, Reghan Diaz, Anne Andrews, Laurie Bruhin, Bridgette Murphy, Lisa Weggeman, Pinky Han, and Jean Tompkins. From the Administration and Staff: Mr. Tom McMorran, Ms. Gina Pin, Ms. Barbara Bloom, Mr. Ian Ceplik, Ms. Anne Kipp, and Ms. Mary Ann Sheehy.

PRESENTATIONS

Barbara Bloom and Ian Ceplik spoke to the group and had a handout concerning "Ways PTSA/JBHS Can Collaborate Regarding Funding of Barlow Theater Performance Programs." They had a breakdown of past revenues and expenses for the fall and spring shows and informed us that for the 2009/2010 school year they will not be receiving \$14,000 as in the past. They were asking for any ideas on ways to raise money and promote the shows.

Jen Hanson our Writing Center Coordinator gave some insight into the summer reading program. She passed out this year's flyer and stressed that she would really like to see the kids stretch their reading out over the entire summer (3 books in 8 weeks). She also shared the details of the writing center.

Mr. McMorran spoke about the "Summer Fade" and handed out a list of ideas to keep your student engaged over the summer. He talked a little about the Diploma with Academic Distinction which is detailed in the Program of Studies.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. McMorran was asked to share some details of the incident in the cafeteria last week. He gave us a rundown of the incident and how the event unfolded. He also informed the group of activities/absences in the past week or so that led to his decision to cancel the Spring Weekend this year.

Ms. Pin gave a recap of the Barlow Palooza and said it was a great success. She was very happy with the evening portion as well as the school day portion and is already making notes to improve next year. She gave thanks for the hard work of Mrs. Rao.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Colleen began the business portion of the meeting by proposing the slate of officers for next year. Motion was made to accept the slate with the addition of Margot Abrams to Volunteer Coordinator and Alice Smith added to Post Prom. (DeSalva/Robey).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mary Pat Cieri told Colleen that we would like to present her with a plaque for a chair in the auditorium as a thank you gift from the PTSA (Robey/DeSalva).

Mary Pat went over accounts that had not been used this year and mentioned accounts that still needed changes. She has collected all outstanding donations. Mary Pat said we have approximately \$2500 left that we can allocate for next year.

Group voted to discontinue the bulk mailing fee.

Motion was made to unencumber \$500 for Bookbinding Equipment and \$250 for Art Lectures (Robey/DeSalva).

Reghan Diaz went over the Mini Grants. We used them all for teachers, did not use any for student recognition.

Colleen suggested we give a gift or make a donation to charity in honor of the Troupe de Jour. Motion was made to purchase a plaque (\$250) for a chair in the auditorium to recognize the Troupe De Jour 2008-2009 (Wood/DeSalva).

Motion was made to encumber the funds (approximately \$2500) for various expenses next year (Wood/Harder).

NEW BUSINESS

Colleen reminded the group that the Bone Marrow Registry would take place tomorrow at JBHS.

Colleen will be taking care of Teacher Awards.

Lynn Eichhorn could still use some help for the Staff Luncheon on Monday, June 15th.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00. The next meeting will be in September with a new slate. Best of luck and have a great summer!

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Harder
Recording Secretary