

Minutes
Point Loma High School PTSA
November 8, 2006

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M.

After being approved by the executive board, a motion was made by Tania Swain, seconded by Steve Hall to approve the October Minutes by the board at large. The Minutes were approved.

ASB Representative Report:

Stacey Silverman reported that Homecoming was a great success. 730 Tickets were sold generating an unexpected \$2,000.00 profit.

There were no reported problems with the hotel.

At the game the floats were difficult to see and the performances of the students were obscured by the dark. A better plan needs to be made for the future Homecoming Game.

ASB is running a Food Drive through November 17th.

Dates need to be checked for Prom in order not to conflict with Festa so that businesses can accommodate the school and the community.

ASB Ball will be February 24th .

Administration Report: Debbie Glanz reporting for Bobbie Samilson.

Football is having a great year. One more game in regular season to play and the team looks to be CIF bound. One game will be played on November 25, and the other on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Alumni Dinner went very well. The food was good and people made connections.

Grades came out and were sent home with students.

English teacher, Darren Samakosky was introduced as the teacher liaison.

The Special Ed teacher concerned about how low the Special Education students' grades were decided to set up a tutoring program with several other tutors and aids. They are a dedicated bunch working for the kids' benefit.

The water polo team is in CIF for the first time in ten years.

Winter sports begin next week.

Mr. Daley had the band perform on the Midway for the Naturalization ceremony. The band is doing very well in competitions even though they moved up a division.

The mock election went very well.

Treasurer's Report:

Beverly Navarro reported that in spite of the difficulty of getting the budget reconstructed, she is doing her best to pull it together. She asked that class sponsors try to keep good records.

Marianne Blackmar moved to approve the checks made payable for outstanding bills. Steve Hall seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Gifts and Grants committee:

Marilyn Thoman reported that the decision to fund \$600.00 to the online tutoring program was made after long discussion. Although the request was made to donate \$2,500.00, a conservative amount was decided upon with the possibility of donating more in the next round depending on the success of the program.

Marilyn moved to fund \$600.00, Beth Coyne seconded, and the motion was carried.

The other gift requested was to fund some students in Ms. Kwayana's class for the theater production field trip. \$221.00 was approved with the possibility of an extra \$60.00 depending on the number of students who ultimately go on the trip.

The Gifts and Grants committee will make an effort to inform teachers that funds area available for just such needs. Something will go out to the teachers in December.

New Business:

The Parent Pointer: Terri Thompson reported that the Pointer is too cumbersome in its present form of 12 pages and inserts. She proposed ways to make it better:

1. Go to four publications a year instead of five.
2. Accept advertising with a disclaimer about endorsing any particular business. Kris read from PTA bylaws about the conflict of a non-profit organization using advertising. Discussion about the value of the ads ensued. Kris will look into the potential advantages and conflicts of using advertising.
3. Trying to find a better way to print and mail the Pointer led to looking into different bids outside of the District. By cutting down on one of the issues, the Pointer will be much less expensive. The proposed mailing dates are as follows:
First week of school
December 15th
March 15th
June 15th

As people transition to electronic communication, the chances to cut down on mailing costs will occur.

4. There needs to be a better accounting of the numbers of families who only need to be sent one copy of The Pointer. All of these ideas will be considered, but the next issue of The Pointer will go out as before.

The Buick Golf Invitational Fund Raiser:

Kris asked for ideas on how best to get the \$15.00 tickets sold to the student body at large. All profits go to the school, but how can we best distribute the tickets. It was decided to put a ticket form in the Pointer, on the website and send via e-blast, requesting a self-addressed envelope for the return tickets to the buyer.

Suggestions made:

Flyer with envelope in Pointer

Online store

Email blast

PTSA members sell tickets

By Laws Revisions:

Steve Hall proposed the two revisions of changing the date of the meetings to the second Wednesday of each month, and to change filing to a digital file rather than a paper filing method.

The state PTA suggested that PLHS By Laws need to change the amount allowed for executive board approval of funds from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00. Steve moved to accept the changes. The changes were approved.

Dollars for Scholars:

This is a worthy program with little representation for PLHS. Perhaps a board position needs to be created to promote it.

Outreach position is still open.

Class Sponsors:

Vickie Shepperd-Chin reported that the seniors are giving up merchandizing and just doing a direct solicitation letters.

Kris reported that the juniors are still selling and will also do a direct solicitation letter before Thanksgiving.

Linda Jaros reported that the sophomores will also do the direct solicitation letter and that the bake sale was not very successful.

No freshman report.

Classes may decide to sell merchandise the week prior to winter break.

Dates for the next meeting were reviewed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

19 members in attendance:

Kris Barry
Marianne Blackmar
Steve Hall
Darren Samakosky
Terri Thompson
Beverly Navarro
Sandy Silverman
Stacey Silverman
Leslie Hanna

Vicki Shepperd-Chin
Cathy Edging
Beth Coyne
Elisa Cusato
Cheryl Louie
Tania Swain
Debbie Glanz
Sharon Haddad-Mundo

Respectfully submitted by Marianne Blackmar