

**Point Loma High School PTSA Minutes
December 13, 2006**

Kris Barry calls meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Vicki Shepperd-Chin moved to approve November minutes, Tania Swain seconded, and November Minutes were approved.

ASB Report by Stacey Silverman:

Holiday Spirit week was going well.

Senior standouts were completed.

ASB store is finally open and they are recouping funds spent.

ASB Ball is February 24th. There is a DJ, but other details are being worked out.

The issue of ASB doing the school recycling pick up was discussed. As long as ASB has the time to collect the recyclables and dispose of them in the recycling bin, they will continue to provide that service. If there is a time conflict, teachers will assign students the task of collecting the recyclables.

Administration Report from Bobbie Samilson:

PLHS students are demonstrating that they are “others centered”.

A group of students wants to form a chapter to support the Invisible Children project that helps African children.

The Alpha Project that supplies blankets for needy people called Henken’s blankets is collecting blankets.

Several families were adopted in the adopt a family program that helps many local families celebrate the holidays.

Treasurer’s report: Kris Barry

The board needs to approve payment for several checks, Kris moved to pay them, Linda Jaros seconded and the board approved the payment of checks as written.

\$485.00 in new membership dues was collected for November and December.

PLHS paid \$1,044 in 9th District dues.

A box of license plate frames that belonged to last year’s senior class was discovered and sold to the sophomore class for \$1,336.00. The sophomores will sell them.

Each class now has a balance sheet with an accounting of their finances.

Beverly Navarro changed jobs and found that she can no longer devote the time to being PTSA treasurer and had to resign. Vicki Shepperd Chin has agreed to become treasurer. A vote was needed to confirm her position and two thirds of the executive board voted to install Vicki as treasurer. This required contacting a few members who voted by email.

New Business:

Special Education Tutoring: Kim Tyler, a special ed. assistant reported on SASS (Supporting Academic Success) the program that she and several other teachers have created to help the Special Ed. Students who have been struggling. Currently the tutoring occurs two days a week and eight to ten students attend. Faculty and staff come to offer their expertise in various disciplines including one of the security guards who is gifted in geometry. Kim asked for some financial support to help provide snacks and water to the students. So far, there has been a great deal of camaraderie among students and staff and there is hope that the program will grow. Many parents expressed interest in donations and will drop off snacks and water as needed.

Student Planners: Beth Coyne asked for approval to fund half the cost for student planners for next year. There was a discussion about what has been paid and how the planners are budgeted, but it was not clear if the funds had already been made available and so more clarification is needed to approve funds.

VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts) Showcase

Kris reported on an arts night planned for April 14th will be a joint effort of the PLHS Foundation and PTSA. All of the arts that PLHS offers will be on display including film, drama, music, and art. A nominal admission fee will be charged that will go to the arts programs. The PTSA was asked to provide staffing support for the night of the program and for publicity prior to the program.

Next year a journalism/broadcasting class will be added which will have equipment for students to use.

On Line Tutoring:

Matt Spathas reported via email that the San Diego City Schools approved the tutoring program and that service will begin this month. \$217,000 has been funded and only \$7,000.00 more is needed. Matt is confident that money will be forthcoming.

Shannon Toyzan will give students a tutorial in how to access and use the online tutoring. It was suggested that parents get a tutorial as well.

Parent Pointer:

Terry is still working through the pricing of the Pointer. 12 pages, folded will cost \$868.00 and issue with postage at \$300.00. The District, which is unreliable, charges about \$800.00 an issue. There is still a \$300.00 deficit, but Terry is still working on the budgeting and pricing. There is some problem with the low turn out of volunteers who assemble the Pointer for mailing.

Class Sponsors:

Seniors had nothing to report

Juniors are doing fine

Sophomores have sent out their solicitation letters and are waiting for responses according to Vickie Kerley. They will be selling the license plate frames.

Freshmen are buying out the senior inventory of items and selling booster poms. They will be sending out their solicitation letter later.

The question was asked about selling merchandise in the ASB store and sponsors will investigate to see if this is possible.

The PLHS web site is available for anyone wishing to purchase spirit items.

The February PTSA Meeting will be rescheduled because it falls on Valentine's Day.

The next PTSA meeting is on January 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

In attendance: 17 (Sign in sheet available upon request)