

Point Loma High School PTSA Minutes
Wednesday, March 14, 2007

In Attendance: 13

Call to order 6:10

Approval of February's Meeting Minutes: Steve Hall moves, Linda Jaros seconds, Minutes approved.

ASB Report: Stacey Silverman

ASB Ball on Feb. 24th was successful. The Westin Hotel commented that students were behaved and well organized.

Airband on March 5 included two groups performing at Correia. The event was well attended and those going on to the regional competition at Kearny have yet to be announced.

Spring Dance will take place at Dana Middle School sometime toward the end of April. The cost will be \$5.00. ASB is waiting on feedback from students.

Senior Prom will take place on May 26. The theme is Casino Royale 007. Students are encouraged to attend with or without dates.

Administration Report: Bobbie Samilson

A report about the recent assault of two students while walking home was reported to parents via letter. School and community police are investigating. PLHS will offer self-defense classes for those interested. The number of classes will be based on interest of students and parents.

Principal for a day program brought Mike Aguirre, the city attorney to Point Loma. In spite of his reputation as a controversial figure, he was very accessible and engaged and all went well. He attended classes and spoke to the lessons presented as they related to contemporary issues. He spent two hours in the library fielding questions from students who demonstrated great interest. There was a lot of positive feedback.

Ribbon cutting for the new track and softball field occurred over two days with John DeBeck and Mr. Peckham attending. Peckham's daughter will throw the first pitch. A broken windshield proved to be a problem but the owner of the car, Jose Betterncourt was gracious about the incident.

The Invisible Children Club is hosting a dodge ball tournament to raise money for the Invisible Children.

CHASEE testing will take place the 21st and 22nd.

The damage done to the football field is being repaired. The people responsible for the damage have been charged and will have to pay the \$33,000.00 fee for repairs.

There is a conflict with the National Testing mandate and AP testing dates that needs to be resolved.

AP testing payments need to be made the week of March 19th.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki Shepperd-Chin

\$13,000.00 is still available for gifts and grants committee to disperse. This still leaves the requisite \$10,000.00 to carry over to next year.

The Gifts and Grants committee is working on ideas that will be presented to the Board for approval.

Class budgets: '09 and '10 have small savings but a large inventory of booster items for sale.

Mid-Year Audit: Darlene Truver completed the audit and determined that everything is fine.

New Business/Announcements:

Crescendo: Priscilla Snow and Beth Zadeker reported on the Gala for raising funds for the school's music program called Crescendo.

It occurs May 20th at the Rosecroft Mansion in Point Loma. There will be a silent auction and food and beverages. Jim Trepasso, the longtime music teacher at Correia Junior High School will be honored. Ian Campbell, the director of the San Diego Opera will be the guest speaker. All are invited to attend.

Publicity for the event will go out through e-blast and the new Point Loma Cluster Web Site, www.pointlomacluster.com.

Teleparent: Kris Barry reported on the information system for parents that allows teachers to send messages home to specific classes or individuals in order to keep parents informed. The cost is \$3.00 a student and is a renewed cost each year. 15,000 numbers can be reached in 15 minutes that would be important during an emergency situation. Messages must be posted prior to 5:00 PM and go out between 6:00-9:00 that night. The service is multilingual.

Inquiries will be made to the staff to see if there is interest.

The general feeling is that it would duplicate what already exists at this point.

HSA Awards: Vicki Shepperd-Chin

The May Luncheon recognizing volunteers and staff will be held May 17th. A committee will be formed to accept and review applications and nominations for the awards. Anyone interested in sitting on the committee should let Vicki know.

SDCCU Partnership: Representatives from the Foundation and the PTSA met with Krista Torquato to discuss the relationship potential with the school. She was very enthusiastic. Possible support ideas include funding for student planners, College Night, and the Welcome Dinner, and the Pointer News Letter. There would be recognition for the support. Also offered are speakers to discuss business and accounting in classes and financial tips in the Pointer. There was some discussion about students setting up accounts, but there were questions of legal age and parental co-signing on accounts.

Gifts and Grants Committee: Marilyn Thoman

Two proposals have come in and it was recommended that both be approved.

Funding for the History Awards banquet costing \$500.00, and a Poetry presentation costing \$700.00 on April 20th during 5th and 6th periods in the PAC and open to all classes on a sign up basis were proposed. A motion was made by Steve Hall to approve the gifts, Leslie Rose seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Another proposal to help subsidize the self defense classes for girls and mothers offering a \$10.00 discount on the \$15.00 cost of the classes for those who need assistance was suggested based on the requests for support, Vicki moved that \$150.00 be set aside to subsidize the classes for those who have genuine need and interest. Steve Hall seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

College Expo at Point Loma Nazarene University on Saturday, April 28th from 8:00-12:00 PM.

VAPA Showcase: Pat Baker

Pat gave a quick review of the purpose and schedule of the arts showcase including the added graphic computer arts presentation from the stop-mation club.

Many classes and clubs will be participating and assisting. The Key Club is out promoting the event as are volunteers from the Foundation and PTSA.

More volunteers are needed to help on the Saturday of the event.

Planners are hoping to make this a community at large event.

Kris Spathas is helping to get the word out via the Internet.

Steve Hall turned in Bylaw changes.

Distinguished Lecture Series: May 23rd "The Gifted Child Going to College" Lecture will be presented.

Formation of a Nominating Committee for next year's PTSA Board: Kris asked for volunteers. Leslie Rose, Steve Hall and Maureen McGrath volunteered. If you want to keep your current position or know of anyone who might be interested in any position, please let Kris know. There is a strong parent group coming from Correia.

Class Sponsors: No new news on class business.

Future Meeting Dates: April 11, May 9, and June 13.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Marianne Blackmar