

Point Loma High School PTSA Minutes
Monday, September 10, 2007
Library

In Attendance: Kris Barry, Leslie Rose, Cheryl Louie, Elisa Cusato, Bobbi Samilson, Danelle Erro, Kim Roberts, Ann Tamura, Whitney Pinto, Marilyn Thoman, Sandy Silverman, Leslie Hanna, Tim Hanna, Kris Spathas, Chris Pickering, Linda Davies, Niki Goodwin, Susan Blair, Sally Todter, Beth Coyne, Lucy DeVito.

Call to Order: 6:06 p.m.

Welcome/Introductions/Approval of Minutes: Kris Barry called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for another exciting year at PLHS. Introductions were made. The minutes were accepted as written.

ASB Report: Tim Hanna

ASB helped with the Kick-off and with Mandatory Activity Days, giving tours.

The Hi-Liter Dance will be held in the Gym on September 28, 2007. The theme is to wear neon colored-clothing.

Kick-Off Report: Niki Goodwin

Niki reported that so far, the profit from the Kick-off amounted to \$6,111. Niki thanked everyone who helped out with Kick-off.

Notes for next year: The Dunk Tank was not profitable this year. Phil's BarBQue provided the meal and it was delicious. Note there was no ice for the sodas. The snack stand ran out of hot dogs during the 1st quarter of the Varsity Game, and we could have sold more hot dogs. There were no lights by the dancing area/dining area. Next year, we should think about getting some sort of lighting. The porta-potties did not arrive (per Maureen).

Administration Report: Bobbi Samilson

Bobbi also reported for head counselor Laurie Hurl, as Laurie was at the Point Loma Cluster Meeting. In Laurie's (and Bobbi's) behalf, Bobbi thanked all the parents and ASB students who helped with MAD, summer mailings, orientation dinner, and the first day of school passing out schedules and helping students find their classes. On the first day, 487 students did not show up. Parents stayed to make calls and by the end of the day, the school was down to 200 that were unaccounted for - more calls will be

made.

Thanks also to Leslie Hanna & Susan Blair for the Welcome Back luncheon. Bobbi noted the teachers & staff love Miguel's food! It would be a good idea to have classes sell their wares during this luncheon.

Thanks were also given to Kris Barry for all her hard work last year and for this upcoming year.

Make sure Kris Spathas has your email so you can receive the eBlasts.

We have a Site Tech now and her name is Jennifer Brimley. She can be reached at extension 1122. She is bright and working hard to get Parent Connect up and running. Check by the end of the month.

We have a new counselor taking Mr. Acosta's place - Brooke Valot.

Laurie went to the NACAC convention the PTSA sends her on every year and has come back with a program called Naviance. Naviance helps students plan their college careers and to stay on track. Counselors will all be trained to work with this program.

Dates & Events to calendar and remember:

October 4th - Open House - hotdogs will be sold by the band.

October 11th - College Night - everyone encouraged to attend.

October 20th - PSAT & PLAN (note that this year, the district is not paying to have sophomores take this test for free).

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Louie

Cheryl presented the approved budget (budget had been approved via email vote over the summer). She explained the budget to the membership.

A motion was made to approve the checks as listed (see attachment) and seconded. Motion carried.

New Business/Announcements:

College Night - Linda Jaros/Susan Blair: College Night will be held on October 11th, which is a Thursday. We need people to help set up from noon until about 3:00. We also need about 3 volunteers from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m., and volunteers to help break down. Please email Laurie, Susan or Linda if you can help out.

Linda polled the membership to see if they wanted a speaker before the College Night. Last year we had the Chancellor from U.C.S.D. She is difficult to obtain. It was mentioned that Seniors will have a separate meeting later on this year dealing with financial issues. Freshman parents indicated they would like a general discussion of what was required for college. It was explained the counseling center put on this discussion in early spring semester. Perhaps just having the colleges in the gym will suffice for this year, as it is difficult to come earlier for the beginning talks.

Susan mentioned Laurie would like a flyer to be inserted in the newsletter. No flyers, but Laurie can scan the flyer and email it to Terri Thompson, who will put the information directly into the newsletter.

Pointer (trying to go) Digital- Kris Barry: Kris told us the last “hard copy” Pointer would be mailed out in the next few weeks, and then we would “go green” (that is, paperless). Concerns were brought up about families with no internet access and how we would distribute important information to these families.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided we would have the English classes pass out card to each students. The card would ask: (1) Do you have a computer with internet access at home; and (2) Would you prefer to have the Pointer Newsletter translated into Spanish? The students would fill out the cards and include their address. An announcement to this effect will be made in the English classes at Open House. Kris, Bobbi and Terri will consider how to get these cards/labels to the English Classes before Open House.

Class Sponsors:

2008 - Kris Barry: Senior parents and interested seniors will meet one hour before the PTSA meetings to discuss Senior Activities (in other words, 5:00 p.m.). Disneyland is confirmed on the Thursday before Graduation. We have \$25, 273.00 in our account.

2009 - Linda Jaros: The juniors sold \$285 of merchandise at Kick-Off!

2010 - Maureen McGrath (not present): The sophomores have only \$1,493 in their account. Treasurer Cheryl noted that a portion of the class’s money is tied up in inventory.

2011 - Lucy DeVito: The freshman sold \$160 at Kick-Off. They plan to have a rummage sale in late October, hopefully at St. Peter’s By the Sea Lutheran Church. Robin LaDow is in charge of the rummage sale. They are looking into selling PL Logo exercise bags.

Gifts & Grants Requests: Beth Coyne & Marilyn Thoman:

1. Grant request from English Teacher Tchaiko Kwayana. The request was for \$10 - \$14 per student for underwriting the cost of the play Hamlet, playing at the Old Globe. Tickets for Hamlet cost \$34 person. The request came to the PTSA in mid-August. She is asking this amount for 40 students. Beth and Marilyn support the request.

After discussion, a motion was made to award \$400 to Tchaiko Kwayana for the production of Hamlet, to use in her discretion, with the hope she will use the money to provide full scholarships for the most needy students vs. underwriting the entire class. It was felt some students may be able to pay the total cost. \$400 would cover about 12 students - full price. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

2. Sally Todter requested \$917 for announcement speakers for the Football Stadium on behalf of the Football Boosters. Four speakers are needed; David Zedaker had already looked into the system and submitted a bid with costs of the speakers. ZED Electric would provide the labor for free. Sally noted the Band *, the Coastal Tritons, and the Football Boosters would provide one speaker each. The Lighthouse project was willing to donate money toward the project. The remaining amount for the last speaker was thus \$917.

(*Per a discussion between Leslie Rose and Mr. Dally on 9/15/07, almost a week after the PTSA meeting, Mr. Dally commented that the band did not promise to pay for a speaker. The minutes merely reflect discussion at the PTSA meeting the night of 9/10/07.)

The Gifts & Grant Committee did not support this request as it was not curriculum/classroom based. It was suggested the money should be requested from either the Foundation, other booster groups, or other sources. Kris Barry also had suggestions for Sally as to funding sources. No motion made.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 8th, 6:00 p.m. Library

Senior Activities Planning Meeting begins at 5:00 p.m.