

Point Loma High School PTSA Minutes
November 13, 2007
6:00 p.m., Library

In Attendance: Kris Barry, Cheryl Louie, Adrienne Saboya, Evelyn Barandiaran, Bobbie Samilson, Melisa Abalos, Lucy DeVito, Tim Hanna, Leslie Hanna, April Counts, Anna Vermazen, Jane Doft, Bonnie Elias, Beth Coyne

Call to Order @ 6:07 p.m.

Welcome/Approval of Minutes: Kris B. welcomed all to the third PTSA meeting of the year. October minutes were sent out via e-mail for review and approved as written.

Principal Bobbie Samilson started the meeting by announcing that Tech Nite will be at Dana Middle School on 11/28. This will be a great opportunity to introduce Parent Connect and other online resources to parents and/or students who are not aware of these resources.

Bonnie Elias provided background on recent discussions she had with Fred Becker, Life Skill Counselor, who deals with drug and alcohol problems afflicting a lot of teenagers. She further indicated that the help from someone like Mr. Becker was needed to help mothers to deal with such a problem given the significant rise in alcohol and drug abuse among teenagers. She also pointed out the increase use of ecstasy, which is passed around without kids knowing and in some cases have led to death.

Based on these concerns, Ms. Elias was trying to get feedback from the group on the feasibility of forming a small committee to discuss the issue and potentially sponsor Mr. Becker to come to PLHS for a four-day workshop. There was a lot of discussion regarding the source of funding for such activity. Ultimately, the group decided on a one-night informational meeting where all parents would be welcomed. This would be a perfect opportunity to introduce Mr. Becker and the issues of concern. PTSA would fund this event and consider the potential for a four-day workshop based on feedback from parents on this first meeting. Those who know Mr. Becker indicated that he has a good reputation and a lot of experience.

Melisa Abalos introduced herself as the school counselor who provides education on the use of drugs and alcohol. She teaches classes on this subject Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays. However, it was clear that students enrolled in the athletic programs are not currently getting the benefit of her classes. Ms. Samilson indicated that these classes would be eventually taught to all students. She did not elaborate on how this would be accomplished.

ASB Report: Tim Hanna

Tickets for Homecoming were all sold out. Although they did make a profit (approximately \$5,000), Mr. Hanna indicated he would not recommend going through an independent contractor as they did. Next school dance is the ASB Ball on Feb 2nd.

Cheryl Louie provided an overview of the budget report. Motion made to approve expense report and senior activities. Motion carried.

Group discussed request for funds (\$350) to support NJROTC air gun shooting classes. ROTC does a lot of community service in support of the school. Motion was carried.

Another grant request was also made (\$500) for NJROTC Cadets to attend the Area 11 Qualifier Field Meet. Group decided not to fund transportation and snacks, but to fund only the entry fee. Therefore, motion was made to only pay entry fee (\$125). Motion was carried.

Also discussed Michell Johnson's request for funds (approximately \$4,000) to acquire new equipment (2 MACs and 1 printer). All agreed that this was a significant amount of money. Although group was willing to fund up to \$500 upfront, all agreed that an itemized list was needed before approving the full amount. Motion to fund up to \$500 was carried provided that the list is provided first.

Miscellaneous:

Laurie Hurl was not able to attend the meeting. She is looking for parent volunteers to make some calls and get basic information on prep courses on Saturdays. Lucy DeVito will send an e-mail to freshman parents to request volunteer. Ms. Hurl is also to contact SDCCU to see if the College Night check (\$1000) has been sent to PTSA.

Senior class is still working on graduation party location.

Pointer Spirit items sale is set for December 6 and 13 at lunch hour (11:45 am). Kris Spathas will send e-blast with announcement.

Class of 2011 made up to \$ 3,600 with the sales and corporate sales on their banner.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 pm

Action Items:

**Ms. Elias to coordinate with Mr. Becker to set up informational night meeting.
Ms. Hurl to contact SDCCU re: college night check donation.**