

Point Loma High School PTSA Minutes
April 14, 2008
Library

In Attendance: Kris Barry, Leslie Rose, Cheryl Louie, Bobbie Samilson, Ryan Kiick, Tim Hanna, Leslie Hanna, Susan Blair, Dianne Anderson, Lucy DeVito, Kris Spathas, Beth Coyne, Marilyn Thoman, Kim Eurich, Linda Jaros, Sandy Silverman, Michael Estanol, Carol Strack, Chris Pickering.

Call to Order 6:05 p.m.

Welcome/Approval of Minutes: Kris B. welcomed us all to the PTSA. The minutes had been sent out via email. The minutes were accepted as written.

Guest Speaker: Ryan Kiick

Ryan was introduced as a spokesperson for Eureka Review, which is an in-home, one-on-one SAT review course. Eureka partners with schools and the PTSAs - they will hold a practice SAT exam at the school at no charge to the school or PTSA, but the PTSA can charge (usually \$20 per student) and use it as a fundraiser. Eureka provides the flyers, and if PTSA provides student addresses, they will mail out the information.

Eureka charges \$120 per hour and the sessions are usually 1.5 hours in length. The most popular program is 15 classes. They also tutor for the ACT.

Administration Report: Bobbie Samilson

College acceptances are coming in. One student has received a full ride at Stanford, and approximately 10 students will be attending UC Berkeley next year.

The school has started a mentor program between seniors and at-risk freshmen.

A long-range planning committee has been formed. There is talk about eventually removing the bungalows and putting a two-story building

in the same place, with connecting walk-ways and a larger athletic facility. They have also received a \$1.5 million grant from a motion picture company to build out a media center, but the catch is the school district has to provide matching funds.

The Jazz Quartet will be performing for the Building and Maintenance facility in the hopes of getting the final approval for the Band Room construction.

Next year the school will offer Surf P.E. - starting at 6:30 a.m. Julie Klein of Julie Designs in Ocean Beach is organizing this new class. Chinese class confirmed.

The superintendent insists that each high school have a graduation coach - this coach would only help the at risk seniors during the fall semester, then focus on the at risk 9th graders during the spring semester. The superintendent wants to see everyone in a cap and gown. We will be having such a coach next year.

ASB Report: Tim Hanna

Mr. Point Loma couldnt get enough entries, so it has been cancelled. Instead, there will be a PLHS dance on April 18 in the big gym from 8 until 11 p.m. Everyone asked to wear something that starts with the letters PLHS.

ASB elections will be held in May, as will the Senior Prom.

Treasurers Report: Cheryl Louie

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

We have approximately \$1,800 left to disperse for gifts and grants. We talked about upping PTSA dues for next year, as many schools do so with great success.

Gifts & Grants: Marilyn Thoman and Beth Coyne

There were three grant requests - two from JROTC (\$500 which would go to 4 students and \$940 to reimburse expenses already incurred for purchase of items to be served during NROTC awards banquet) and one from the history department (\$3000 to help in the purchase of AP Human Geography textbooks for next year). The G&G committees recommendation was not to fund the JROTC requests as (1) we have already granted money to JROTC , (2) the one request would benefit only 4 students rather than a large population and (3) they have already purchased the items for the banquet which indicates they had funding for these items.

Mr. Estanol reported on the history department request. The school would purchase the textbooks, but the money would have to come from other areas of the budget. The AP Human Geography class could be taken by seniors as the senior requirement for government class. The class would be offered to 9th graders through seniors and the freshmen could actually take the AP test and would count towards college credit if they scored high enough. However, the class would not count as weighted for freshmen.

G&G committee recommended grant of \$1000 at this time. The motion was made and seconded and the motion carried. \$1000 will be distributed to the history department and can be re-visited in the next two months.

Announcements:

Honorary Service Awards Lunch - Lucy DeVito reported the lunch will be held on May 28th and she need help on her committee. She will look for volunteers.

Nominating Committee - Kris Barry reported the nominating committee was working hard to fill up the positions. We need a recording secretary and we really need help in filling up the new Kick-Off positions. The Kick-Off will no longer be chaired by one person, but instead be divided up into 7 committees - we have two of the committees filled so far, but need people to step up for the other committees. Kris Spathas to send

out an e-blast looking for volunteers.

Senior Portfolios - Kim Eurich reported that she still needs several volunteers for collecting the senior portfolios (May 20 through 22nd) and to fill up her 85 panels! Please contact Kim if you can help!

Dianne Anderson reported on the IGC meeting. They discussed rotating finals and apparently the committee was very unhappy with the requirement of the graduation coach imposed on the school.

Class Reports:

2008 - Kris Barry reported senior parents are busy getting Grad night together.

2009 - Linda Jaros reported on several fundraisers held by the junior class.

2010 - No report as Maureen McGrath not present and did not send in a report.

2011 - Lucy DeVito reported the freshman class has officially closed their fundraising efforts this year.

Upcoming Events

- A. Annual Handball Tournament, 4/16-18, 2:00 5:45, water, snacks, contact Jan Kraklow
- B. Undergrad Awards Ceremony, 4/24, 2:30, gym, contact Tania Swain to help
- C. Football carwashes, Walgreens on Rosecrans 4/26, 5/10, \$5
- D. Accreditation mtgs, PAC, 4/23, 5/28, Fall 08, 2:30 4:00, contact George Cullins
- E. Budget Protest 4/19, Budget Rally 5/21, www.pointlomacluster.com for info
- F. Against Substance Abuse, PAC, 5/7, 6:30 8:30
- G. Senior Prom, 5/24, Hyatt Islandia, parents decorate, not chaperone,

contact Sue Brasher H. Senior Portfolio Presentations, 5/29, 12:30
4:00, contact Kim Eurich to help

Next meeting will be held on May 12, 6:00 in the Library.
Meeting adjourns: 7:45 p.m.

