

PLHS Pointer Association
September 9, 2010 Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Submitted by: Julie Johnson, Co-Secretary

In attendance: Kris Spathas, Justine Otsuka, Andrea Justus, Tania Swain, Michelle Dutra, Karen Duvall Meyer, Chris Pickering, Scott Hopkins, Renatte Adler, Laurie Hurl, Kate McKenzie, Gail Zerbe, Maria Iriarte, Lisa Stapleton, Katie Anderson, Lisa Bingham, Julie Johnson, Eleanor Snyder, Barbara Meserve, Maria Gibson, Ian Law, Augie Hernandez, Lucy DeVito, Darrold Davis, Kevin O'Beirne, Bobbie Samilson, Kevin Gormly, John Murphy, Matt Spathas.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

Principal's report - Bobbie Samilson: Excited about the new consolidated organization and the achievements the PA and PLHS can realize. Great opening to new year; 2,050 students. VP Kevin Gormly responsible for facilities, new building next to the gym will be completed by the end of semester. New Pointer dog statue to be unveiled at Gala and installed on campus.

President's report - Kevin O'Beirne: Welcome all in attendance. Pointer Association is the new, sole parent group – one organization including the previous Foundation, PTA, Athletic Boosters and Alumni Association. Objective is to have an inclusive organization with a large number of people involved in the decisions and direction of the PA.

ASB President's report - Justine Otsuka: Sept 22nd blood drive in small gym; Sept 24th Highlighter Dance - need parent chaperones. ptlomaASB@yahoo.com

Treasurer's report - Barbara Meserve: Shared the statement of financial position and general overview. A budget meeting will take place soon to finalize the 2010-11 budget.

Vice President of Programs' report - Renatte Adler: AAA's for success: Academics, Arts & Athletics. PA has provided funding for: Journalism \$2,000, Science lab and international team, poet consultant, music consultant. Other areas of need: art program – digital art of age, athletic program – underfunded sports. **John Murphy:** Perhaps an aide in locker room; still need volunteers for boys/girls locker rooms to prevent theft. Would like to have a JV team room, freshmen team room and/or girls team room - funding would be required.

Kevin O'Beirne: Reconfirmed the PA Board's **vote** at the summer meeting regarding the AAAs for Success: The Board discussed and voted unanimously (11-0) to provide \$12,000 in funding to the AAAs for Success program. Specifically, providing \$4,000 in funding to each of the three As: Academics, Arts and Athletics. Motion: Renatte Adler, Second: Bobbie Samilson (8/20/10).

Head Counselor's report - Laurie Hurl: Enrolling 2,050 students; be patient with counselors as there is plenty of work to do. Jamie Murphy – new counselor at PLHS. Need to put College Night (Thursday October 21st) into the budget. Dinner for college reps. Also, need plenty of parent volunteers for the night (eBlast). Discussed PSAT, PLAN and Naviance.

Volunteer Programs' report – (Kevin O'Beirne): Back to School Luncheon – great job by Chris Pickering (lead), Kris Spathas, Lucy DeVito, Robin Ladow, Lisa Bingham, Caroline Costa, Susan Blair and catering from Tio Carlos. The PLHS faculty and staff were very appreciative of the event.

Kick off was a great success. Great job by the two leads, Heather Lutz and Elisa Cusato and their team of volunteers.

Upcoming activities – some need volunteer leads. Kris Spathas will send out an e-blast with information and the request.

Gala report – Maria Gibson, Andrea Justus and Eleanor Snyder: November 13th-85th year; every 5 years dinner/dance/auction at Liberty Station. 800 local merchants, 8-10 big ticket items for live auction. Extensive help needed to support the event. Art showcase. Music department will help during Gala week. Plan to get ASB involved, too. PA's big event!

Athletic Booster Director's report – Eleanor Snyder: Organized subgroups within the PA organization. 20 booster groups up from 8 in 2009! Re-educate boosters regarding their role in Pointer Association. Fall Jersey Night September 20th to honor the seniors; one of three seasonal athletic recognition events. "Taking back the stadium" – effort to decorate and paint to spruce up the PL stadium. ASB to provide the labor. Requesting funds for paint from the PA.

Website/Communications' report – Kris Spathas: The school website should be the first source of information for families. The master calendar has all school-related and Pointer Association events listed. Eblasts will be sent out each week with current school and Pointer Association information, volunteer opportunities and upcoming events. Naviance/Family Connection is a source for parents and students as they begin planning for college. Parent Connect and Student Connect are the resources that enable parents and students to access grades, attendance and assignments.

Weight Room Project update – Kevin Gormly, John Murphy and Kevin O'Beirne: \$90,000 grant (80%, \$72K, has been provided by the Jimmie Johnson Foundation to date); Pointer Association is managing the money as the "bank". The project is trying to obtain firm cost estimates to determine whether the project can move forward or not.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.