

PLHS Pointer Association
November 18, 2010 Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Submitted by: Leslie Chinman, Co-Secretary

In attendance: Tania Swain, Barbara Meserve, Michael Dolphin, Scott Hopkins, Ian Law, Lucy DeVito, Pat Baker, Kim Jessop, Kris Spathas, Laurie Hurl, Bobbie Samilson, Kevin O'Beirne, Ruth Rappaport-Power, Renatte Adler, Leslie Chinman, Maria Gibson, John Murphy, Justine Otsuka, Brooke Malpede.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

Introductions and General Business – Kevin O'Beirne: The Pointer Association will not be renewing our insurance policies with Alliant Insurance due to poor service and lack of responsiveness. Kevin will obtain a quote from AIM Insurance and present the proposed policy to the PA board for approval.

Vote to approve September 8, 2010 PA board meeting minutes as presented without amendments. Motion: Tania Swain, Second: Renatte Adler. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote to approve October 7, 2010 PA board meeting minutes as presented without amendments. Motion: Renatte Adler, Second: Tania Swain. Motion passed unanimously.

U.S. Bank requires formal meeting minutes to amend the authorized signers on the PA bank accounts.

Vote to add Kevin O'Beirne (President), Barbara Meserve (Treasurer) and Renatte Adler (VP of Programs) and remove Leslie Rose (2009-10 President) and Darlene Truver (2009-10 Treasurer) as authorized signers on the Pointer Association's U.S. Bank accounts. Motion: Ian Law, Second: Lucy DeVito. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Meserve: U.S. Bank has some unusual fees this year and she is trying to get them waived. Barbara presented the proposed 2010-11 budget and provided an overview of the PA financials. The majority of the funds held in the PA's accounts are designated funds (e.g. JFF grant for weight room project, Music Center funds, athletic booster clubs, designated scholarships, etc.)

Vote to approve the proposed 2010-11 budget, with the understanding that supplemental adjustments to the budget will be presented and approved by the PA board in the future. (e.g. Gala income, scholarships, insurance, etc.) Motion: Barbara Meserve, Second: Tania Swain. Motion passed unanimously.

Gala Report – Maria Gibson: The Gala was a huge success! Everyone had a great time. The preliminary reports indicate approximately \$40,000 in net income. Approximately \$32,000 goes to the PA general fund and approximately \$8,000 to

various booster clubs reflecting the results of their silent auction items sales. There is approximately \$9,000 in outstanding funds, which are due in shortly.

Principal's Report – Bobbie Samilson: Thank you to everyone for the 85th Gala event. It was a ton of work and resulted in a great feeling for the entire community. The sculpture of the Pointer Dog was installed and unveiled on the morning following the Gala. All of the alumni and current PLHS involvement gives kids tradition and brings the community together.

Bobbie is requesting a list of people who want to be involved in the senior activities - Disneyland trip (early June), Grad Night (night of actual graduation on Friday, June 10) and the senior breakfast on the last day of school, Monday, June 13. Lucy DeVito indicated that there is already a list of senior parent volunteers that she will provide. Laurie Hurl will send out a letter to the senior parents and Bobbie and Laurie will meet with the committee.

Laurie Hurl thanked everyone for the successful College Night. College Panel is coming up on December 16 - Kris Spathas and Chris Pickering have volunteered to provide support from the PA. There will be a new family meeting on January 20 for incoming 8th grade families. PLHS received an award certificate from Dollars for Scholars, who partner with PLHS on student scholarships. Laurie also mentioned that the senior awards ceremony will be on June 2 and the underclass awards ceremony has yet to be scheduled.

ASB Report – Justine Otsuka: The food drive was very successful; they collected 450 cans. There is a blood drive coming up on December 8 and the ASB Ball will be on February 12 on one of the Hornblower Yachts.

V.P. of Programs Report – Renatte Adler: Renatte would like to have the PA's mission statement circulated to the board to help guide our activities and direction. PLHS groups are spending the money that the PA has given them so far this year as part of the Three A's funding program. The Science Department bought burners. Pointer News is spending their money. She is not sure where the Art Department stands on their allocation. The Music Department has gone through the process to spend their money as well. The funding of more field trips is a potential use of future Three A's money.

The construction of the music building (the renovation of the 900 building) is expected to start when the construction of the new building next to the gym is completed. The music building project is expected to take over a year to complete.

John Murphy stated that the athletics department has used their Three A's money for locker room supervision. They have hired current PLHS employees to watch over the lockers and equipment, which has resulted in a dramatic decrease in theft. The showers have been cleaned out so the kids can actually shower in them now. The wrestling room got all new mats on the walls – the room looks great! The water polo team got big jackets to keep the kids warm when they are out of the water. Boys and girls team can both use them.

Gifts and Grants Committee Report – Tania Swain: The PA's Gifts and Grants Committee includes Tania Swain (Chair), Elisa Cusato, Fran Gallo and Annette Nielsen. Tania reviewed the spreadsheet of requests and the committee's recommendations. There was a discussion about two of the items, which will require further inquiry and we will revisit at a future meeting.

Vote to fund the Gifts and Grants request from Jenny Gardham for \$339 in technical theater supplies and make-up out of the PA's Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) fund. (VAPA fund contained \$650 prior to this expenditure.) Motion: Tania Swain, Second: Kris Spathas. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote to fund the current Gifts and Grants recommendations in the total amount of \$2,687 out of the fall allocation of \$3,000. The recommendations include a paper shredder for the special education program (\$162), PLHS garden project (\$1,000), ZumbAtomic class for special education (\$625) and Art History field trip to the Getty Museum (\$900). (See attached spreadsheet for additional details.) Motion: Tania Swain, Second: Renatte Adler. Motion passed unanimously.

Ian Law mentioned that there are GATE funds that need to be spent prior to a deadline when the funds would be lost. Also potential AP funds that are available?

Athletic Boosters Report – (Kevin O'Beirne read report from Eleanor Snyder): There are three events coming up. "Taking back the Stadium" where people would paint and clean the football bleachers. The project has requested financial support for the paint from the PA, which will be presented to the board when a quote has been received. Students will provide the labor. The Boosters will hold another Jersey Night in the gym for the winter sports (date TBD) and a "Pointers Got Game" night inviting 8th graders to an all-sports expo (date also TBD).

Weight Room Project Update – (Kevin O'Beirne read report from Kevin Gormly): The PLHS project team has submitted a request to the Jimmie Johnson Foundation (JJF) to retain the grant funds beyond the December 2010 deadline and use the funds to furnish the weight room rather than construct it. An answer from the JJF is pending.

The district has agreed to build the weight room with Prop S funds as part of a concessions stand and bathroom building project. Construction is expected to begin next summer and be completed in the fall of 2011.

PA Board Roundtable – Pat Baker: The eScrip fall promotion was an iPod Shuffle giveaway. The drawing was performed at the meeting and Manuel Rodriguez won the iPod. The PA now has 657 supporters of eScrip. Pat currently projects eScrip will bring in approximately \$11,000 for this 12-month period.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

PLHS Gifts Grants 2010-11
Recommendations Fall 2010
After PA 11/18/10 Meeting Discussion and Approval
(in order of rank)

Requestor	Request Amount	Dept./Group & Project	Amount Recommende	Notes
Jenny Gardham	\$339	Tech theater supplies, makeup	\$339	Use VAPA specific funds as this clearly meets goals of VAPA
Robin Bergan, Karen LaMont, Amy Smit	\$162	Special Ed - paper shredder to help special ed students learn job or real-lifeskills	\$162	Big bang for the buck - helps multiple students
Amy Denny et al	\$1,000	School garden project - large proposal for using empty lot at top of football stadium and creating PLHS organic garden.	\$1,000	Wide support. They are looking at multiple sources for funding and donations. Community improvement to empty lot. Potential to involve multiple students and clubs.
Karen LaMont, Amy Smit	\$625	Special Ed - ZumbAtomic class - Class specifically to get Special Ed students participating in physical activity and dance.	\$625	Class at YMCA - YMCA funding half the cost. These kids do not participate in athletics or VAPA and this is a combo of both for them.
William Bowles	\$1,800	Art History - field trip Getty Museum	\$900	Appropriate field trip for Art History class but quite expensive. Recc. Supporting half the cost. Look for additional funds from GATE and from AP class funds. Can consider more funds in Jan. if needed.
Tchaiko Kwayana	\$150	English - Recorder boombox for audio suppl. To reading, understanding of auditory media, listening skills	\$0	Discussion that audio players available from media center. Also all English classes scheduled to be fully wired / tech updated this semester. Do not fund unless specific requirement unable to use these tools
Laurie Hurl	\$850	Counseling office - TV screen and set-up for advertising services, dates etc	\$0	Discussion at meeting with varied opinions on G/G as source for funding. Look for other tech funding source first. Defer pending other information.
		TOTAL APPROVED FALL 2010 G/G Funds	\$2,687	
		VAPA funds	\$339	