

**PLHS Pointer Association**  
**January 13, 2011 Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Submitted by: Leslie Chinman, Co-Secretary**

**In attendance:** Kris Spathas, Kevin O'Beirne, Ruth Rappaport-Power, Julie Johnson, Leslie Chinman, Eleanor Snyder, Barbara Meserve, Gail Zerbe, Renatte Adler, Ian Law, Joyce Lilya, Carol Strack, Bobbie Samilson, John Murphy, Andrea Justus, Lisa Bingham, Justine Otsuka, Lisa Laube, Lisa Stapleton, Maria Gibson.

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

**Introductions and General Business - Kevin O'Beirne:** Spoke about Tania Swain's surgery today. Our thoughts are with her and there is a website called "Lotsa helping hands" where you can go to support her and her family.

Tania is head of the Gifts & Grants committee - the spring solicitation forms are on the PLHS-PA website and the deadline has been extended until February 15.

The senior activities committee has been getting organized and figuring out the finances for the year-end activities.

**Principal's Report - Bobbie Samilson:**

On January 18<sup>th</sup> the new sports medicine center building will open. The English teachers are using Google docs. 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Correia and other schools came to visit our campus today. It was a wonderful day; the kids took tours with the Link leaders.

Budget changes for next year... every school is going to get 1 principal and funding for teachers. Everything else they need to buy with a general pot of money - that includes VPs, counselors, nurse, campus supervision, supplies, etc. The seminar classes lost their money to keep class sizes down. GATE money might be gone. Counselors not funded. PLHS discretionary fund money will go up, but it needs to pay for everything. Bobbie will work with other principals in the cluster in order to see how they will be handling their budget. This is the worst-case scenario and it could change before the school year starts. Preliminary estimates are a \$720,000 budget reduction from this year to next (~8.6% cut).

**ASB President's Report - Justine Otsuka:** Said ASB had been working hard on the campus tour that happened today. ASB ball is February 12 on the Hornblower. The Seniors worked at Fresh and Easy night and it was successful.

**Athletic Trainers Presentation:** The new building is amazing. There is a sports medicine lab and classroom - great for healthcare careers. The two athletic trainers want to be here at PLHS where they can see the kids, treat them, help them recover from their injuries, etc. They want to rehab students and supervise practices. They

are asking the Pointer Association to supplement their income and budget by a total of \$11,000. That amount would buy PLHS the two trainers and all of the supplies used to support the athletes. \$2,000 would go to Melissa (she is already funded \$4,000 from the football program and \$4,000 from the baseball program). The other trainer would receive \$7,000 and the cost of the supplies (consumable goods) would be \$2,000. If we could find a way to pay them it would help all of the athletes instead of just the football and baseball ones. John Murphy is considering other funding options in addition to the PA, such as the booster clubs and other athletic department funds.

**Treasurer's Report - Barbara Meserve:** PA financial statements were circulated by email prior to the meeting. The PA holds \$64,000 in non-earmarked funds. The final Gala numbers came to \$32,000 to the PA general fund and \$8,000 to the booster clubs.

**Vice President of Programs - Renatte Adler:** Feels we need involvement from more people and wants to form action committees to support the programs people are most interested in. Would like to focus on the academic needs at PLHS, especially in light of the latest budget cuts.

Andrea Justus mentioned that on April 21<sup>st</sup>, Correia is proposing a campus cleanup – why not do that at all schools and do a cluster wide clean up on the same day? She is looking into a date that might work.

**Athletic Boosters - Eleanor Snyder:** The winter sports jersey night is scheduled for January 24. The booster council will be planning their first meeting following the winter break.

**Basketball tailgate/after school activities:** Eleanor thinks the kids should be at school hanging out, instead of off campus somewhere else. Trying to get the “dog pound” going – a cheering section of students during games. They had a pre-party before the triple header basketball games that went very well; the kids loved it, they served food and drinks and they could buy a ticket for \$2 for the game and tailgate event. She wants to keep it going for all sports.

**Athletic Director – John Murphy:** discussed using either Nike or Adidas (we already use Adidas for football and soccer) for all of the sports teams' gear. The company then kicks back money to the school at the end of the year. Something he is looking into.

**Gala Funds – PA Board Discussion** – We have plenty of needs at the school, so we need to decide how we are going to allocate the money raised from the Gala. Do we want to split it up evenly for each non-Gala year until there is another Gala? Do we spend it now? How do we choose how much money to spend each year when there is no Gala?

After a comprehensive discussion, the board agreed that the preference was to utilize the funds to improve and enrich the educational experience in the near term. There are so many challenges to overcome, that the decision was made not to set aside large portions of the funds for future years. It will be the PA's challenge to raise additional funds in non-Gala years. Another factor that was given a lot of weight was the fact that the vast majority of the effort to raise the Gala funds were by people who have students currently at PLHS and those families and students deserve the benefits that the funding can provide in current programs.

**Roundtable:**

The new weight room project construction is expected to start in May and should be completed in August. The Jimmie Johnson Foundation authorized PLHS to utilize the \$90,000 grant money to fill the building with weight equipment.

Spring sports tryouts will be held on approximately February 20. CIF finals are the first week of March. At the end of May - early June, students can get their sports physicals for next year.

January 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm there will be a meeting at Correia to talk about the development ideas for the fields on that campus.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm