

PLHS Pointer Association
September 12, 2011 Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Submitted by: Tracy Moore Schoonmaker, Secretary

In attendance: Tracy Moore-Schoonmaker, Renatte Adler, Bobbie Samilson, Kris Spathas, Ian Law, Andrea Justus, Maria Gibson, Barbara Meserve, Kevin O'Beirne, John Murphy, Daniel Murzve, Julie Johnson, Rebecca Mashburn, Kerri DeRosier, Karen Duvall Meyer, Dashon and Tracy Andrews, Diane Sullivan, Ally Warlaumont, Mary Key and Rob Bates, Chris Pickering, Scott Hopkins, Sandy Valone, Scott Adams, Judi McQueen, Vicki Moats, Heidi Mather, Eleanor Snyder, Augie Hernandez, Joan Diylar (can't read handwriting), Lisa Bingham.

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

Introductions and General Business - Kevin O'Beirne:

- Introduction of all in attendance.
- Top two key high level objectives of the PA for 2011-12:
 - Grow the organization – the list of board members and volunteer leads last year was about 20 names; this year the list is 30 names. This September 12 PA meeting is the largest it has been in recent memory.
 - Build upon the momentum which was started last year.
- Welcome back lunch was on Wednesday before Labor Day and was a success and greatly appreciated by the faculty and staff.
- Money was spent during the summer from the \$40,000 contributed by the PA last spring so that the benefitting programs were ready on day one of this school year. Mr. Wells, the head of the Art department was very pleased with the art supplies that were available for the start of the year. The objective of that large package of funding was to hit a long list of departments and reach every student in school.
- Thank you for the work accomplished over summer. Heidi Mather, Tracy Moore Schoonmaker and several others for the welcome back lunch. The list of people who helped on the Kick-Off Event exceeded 40 people. Maria Gibson, Andrea Justus, Heather Lutz and Elisa Cusato were the primary leads and spent numerous hours organizing the event. Kick off was a successful annual event to supplement the one-every-five-year Gala event.

Principal's Report - Bobbie Samilson:

- Most of the teachers are back. She feels very good about the staffing situation. Positive environment at PLHS.
- Testing went well last year. PLHS increased its CST score from previous year.
- New building construction is coming along.

- Open house October 6th.
- College night October 20.

Treasurer's Report - Barbara Meserve: PA financial statements were circulated prior to the meeting. \$40,000 was allocated in Spring; accounting is underway to determine how much has been spent and how much remains allocated. The PA holds approximately \$377,000 in total assets.

Vote to transfer bank accounts to AmericanWest Bank with the authorized signers Kevin O'Beirne, Renatte Adler and Barbara Meserve. Motion: Barbara Meserve, Second: Eleanor Snyder. Motion passed unanimously.

Athletic Boosters – Eleanor Snyder:

- Boosters make up the largest group of members of the PA.
- Trying to get more booster clubs involved in the Pointer Association. Of the 75 volunteers at Kick-Off, 58 were booster members. Donated many things to that day's event.
- Trying to do more things together. Feeling of boosters and parents all working together instead of apart.

Vice President of Programs – Renatte Adler:

- In 2010-11, the PA raised a sizable amount of money at the Gala event and capped the year off with the \$40K contribution to PLHS. The \$40K funded equipment for music and movie production, Pointer News, all new library furniture, new organic garden, art supplies, chemistry burners, math text and calculators, \$1000 to the history department, dance team, locker room attendants, ROTC competition and several other PLHS needs.
- Several new needs are known already and the PA will need to determine the best way to prioritize the needs and how to best distribute the funds.
- Volunteer needs in the PLHS office exists. Would be nice to have a parent coordinator to organize volunteers at the PLHS office.

Vote to approve funding for debate club of \$60 to join the speech league. Motion: Mr. Law, Second: Andrea Justus. Motion passed unanimously.

Kick Off Event – Maria Gibson:

- Almost cancelled due to power outage but Bobbie fought to have it go forward.
- 220 tickets sold for event dinner.
- Total gross proceeds approximately \$17,535.
- \$4,500 in expenses. \$12,500 approximate net proceeds.
- Plenty of soda and food was donated.

- The band at the dinner event was Revolt-age and they were great.

Athletic Director – John Murphy:

- Kick off went very well and kids had a blast.
- Fall sports look great.
- Meeting September 14 at Correia on the field project. Hopefully will get off the ground. Andrea headed up project. Plans all set which includes lights. First class complex 18 months working on it. \$6Million.
- Coaching staff is great.
- 750 students out of 2,050 are playing sports.
- Help in the finance office would be great.
- Trainers – someone will match funds. \$10,000 is needed so we would need to come up with \$5000 and a company would match it. This is a large ticket item. Perhaps the boosters could contribute to the trainer fund. Need to discuss with Eleanor. Optional and try to pool resources.

Roundtable:

- Gift and Grants committee: Rebecca Mashburn is chairing the committee. This group receives the requests and makes proposals to the PA to be voted on. Judi McQueen and Andrea Justus will join the committee.
- Membership – Diane Sullivan is working on the list of donors for the thank you letters and website.
- Beautification – used all of the \$500 allocated and is over budget \$61 for extra paint due to vandalism.
- Local muralist for the stadium will cost \$250 for a local artist to train students do a mural of paw prints at stadium. We will put this in and discuss this in a month when we know how much money we will have to spend.
- Murals on rusty old containers. \$100 will get a bid for this

Vote to reimburse \$61.88 to Maria Gibson for the over budget on the beautification due to vandalism. Motion: Mr. Law, Second Andrea Justus. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm