

January 11, 2007

## HBHS PTSA Minutes

**Attendance:** Marsha Cone-Roddy, Trish MacDonald, Jean Filer, Lex Bundschuh, Donna Cormier, Erin Magee, Tammy Campbell, Jill Russell, Tim Kelley, Kathy de Lacy, Lisa Schmalz, Karen Sousa, Marygrace DiGiacinto, Michael and Joyce Askenaizer, Cindy Ullrich, Kristen Berry, Sue Nierendorf

### **Minutes of December 7, 2006**

Lisa Schmalz made a motion to accept the minutes. Trish MacDonald seconded. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

See attached for balances and expenditures. The directory and membership income were from last month. There is about \$2600 left in the Lowes account.

### **Booster Dance**

Karen Sousa spoke about the Booster Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, February 3, at 6:00 at the Alpine Grove Banquet Facility. Please spread the word and plan to attend. This dance is being held to raise money for the Booster Club that will benefit HBHS Athletes.

### **Landscaping**

Jill Russell volunteered to chair the spring phase of this project. A special thanks to Jill for taking this on. The spring phase will focus on planting and landscaping. Kristine Bundschuh will be the student liaison for the Green Group.

Gift Certificate: Jean Filer suggested a gift certificate to Marie Degulis to thank her for all her hard work and to wish her well. Erin Magee made a motion to spend up to \$75 on a food and cheese basket. Marsha C-R seconded. The motion passed.

### **Staff Appreciation**

Lex Bundschuh passed on a query from Kristen Berry: Mrs. Bergskaug's son is in the hospital in Boston. Would PTSA like to send a show of support?

In 2005, the PTSA gave a gas card under similar circumstances. Mr. Kelley shared that the Community of Caring (teachers in school) are planning to give a gas card as a show of support. It was decided that the PTSA will coordinate with the Community of Sharing. Lex B. will be in touch with the teachers. Trish M. made a motion to spend up to \$150. Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

### **College Freshmen**

The following HBHS 2006 graduates spoke about their college experiences: Charlie Askenaizer (University of Wisconsin); Tony Zore (Bangor NESCOM); Brian Saari (UNH); Jonathan Flynn (Columbia College in Chicago); Paul Ullrich (New School in NYC). They shared interesting information about first year roommate experiences, how prepared they were academically (really well prepared, especially in math and writing), and what they thought was important for students and parents to know. Thanks so much to all of them for sharing their experiences with us.

### **Mr. Kelley**

Mr. Kelley spoke about the budget concerns and newspaper articles:

\* The Budget Committee has set an increase of 4.8% over last year's budget as a guideline. Discussion followed about what this entailed.

- \* As a result, additional money had to be cut from the budget (about \$180,000 over the \$280,000 that had already been cut).
- \* Class size is creeping up. Enrollment was up this year and will go up again next year. As a result, some US Literature classes have up to 27 students. Writing class sizes are up to 24 students with more students expected for next year. English 9 class size averages 24 students with some classes as large as 28. Some Cultural Geography classes have 28-30 students with average class size being 24. Many science classes are at full capacity.
- \* Cuts were proposed in the Building Maintenance budget and to Cultural activities (JV sports, FIRST funding, funding for student newspaper). Larger user fees were discussed.
- \* Teachers are needed in the following areas: chemistry, biology, English, social studies.
- \* The Middle School has cut all after school activities.
- \* The High School needs portable classrooms.

There was a discussion about proposed cuts and what the PTSA, as an organization, could do to spread the word. There will be a Coop School Board meeting on Wednesday, 1/17, at 6 PM at the Middle School. There will be a Coop Budget Committee meeting on Thursday, 1/18, at 6:30 at the Middle School. If you are interested, please plan to attend both meetings to discuss the budget and to let the Budget Committee know how you feel about the cuts.

The next meeting of the HBHS PTSA will be on February 8 at 7:00 pm in the small cafeteria. Please come.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marsha Cone-Roddy