

November 1, 2006

HBHS PTSA Minutes

Attendance: Marsha Cone-Roddy, Trish MacDonald, Jean Filer, Lex Bundschuh, Marie Degulis, Donna Cormier, Dianne Bonta, Debi Davis

Minutes of October 12, 2006

Trish MacDonald made a motion to accept the October minutes. Jean Filer seconded. The motion passed.

Landscaping

Marie Degulis gave an update on the Landscape Project. Ben from Lowe's can't come back to do the cuts. Al Burgun from Al's masonry and Bill Stiles from Stiles Landscaping have volunteered to help. They will be at the school on November 11 from 8 until noon, with stonecutters, to cut the pavers. Marie would like five adult volunteers to also help out that morning. Hot coffee will be available. Thanks to Al and Bill.

The bill from Morin's is just under \$2000. That's a little over budget, but the credit from the extra bricks will offset the overage on the stone dust a little bit.

The loam will be done in the spring.

Membership

As of now, there are 225 members, including 18 staff members, who have joined the PTSA. Please note that being a member of the PTSA is not a commitment to volunteer in the PTSA. It is just a show of support for the PTSA. (although any new volunteers are always appreciated!) There have been queries about the possibility of contributing to the PTSA without joining. Contributions are welcome, though not necessary, without membership.

Student Directory

The Directory is expected in on November 2. Sorry for the delay. There were difficulties with the new computer system. Thanks to Donna Cormier for all her hard work.

Staff Appreciation

The Staff Appreciation luncheon will be on Thursday, November 16, which is also Staff Appreciation at the Middle School. Lunch will be soup, salad, and deserts.

Treasurer's Report

The same balance will be carried over to next month.

A motion was made to donate \$120 for tickets and dinner for the State Convention. The PTSA is getting an award for the PTSA Parent Series Workshop. Pat Marquette is being recognized. Trish MacDonald, Jean Filer, and Pat and Wayne Marquette will attend. Marie Degulis made the motion. Donna Cormier seconded. The motion passed.

By-Laws

Lex Bundschuh has posted the proposed new by-laws on the PTSA website. They will be voted on at the December meeting. The only issue was the Co-President issue. The state PTSA organization does not like to have co-presidents so only one co-president—the one officiating at the meeting— will serve as president at that meeting. The other will have the same rights as any other member. Last year, the HBHS PTSA voted to allow the same person to serve in an office for more than two years if no other person is available or volunteering to hold that office.

Senior Prom Theme

The seniors would like their prom to have this theme: 007 (standing for the Class of 007 rather than James Bond!) License to Party. The PTSA thinks that theme is fine.

Background Checks

What does the PTSA think about background checks for volunteers? The question was discussed, but it was decided that this is an SAU issue rather than a PTSA issue. Some members think that background checks are more important/immediate at schools with younger children.

Volunteers

Lex Bundschuh brought up these volunteer issues that Mr. Kelley had previously asked her to get the PTSA's input on:

1. Nurse's Office volunteers: Should volunteers staff the Nurse's Office when the nurse is out? Right now Debbie Champigny does. Mr. Kelley would love to have available nurses volunteer or substitute. The PTSA thinks there should be an SAU level policy and that this issue should be addressed by SAU rather than by PTSA.
2. Study Hall volunteers: Some teachers have no free periods on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Mr. Kelley wondered whether volunteers could come in to cover study halls so the teachers could have a break during the day. The PTSA agreed to discuss this at the next meeting that Mr. Kelley attends.
3. Computer Lab: The school is short on classrooms. The labs are used as classrooms and by teachers with their classes. The teachers would thus like to have the labs available. As a result, there will be no more Open Labs for students during their studies. Students can use computers in the library.

Other Business

Jean Filer volunteered to have December's meeting at her home. The next meeting will be the first Thursday in December, December 7, at Jeans. All are invited to Jean's for potluck hors d'oeuvres at 7.

Trish MacDonald will look into finding college freshmen for the January 11th meeting. The freshman will speak about their college experiences.

Homecoming: On next year's volunteer sheet, there will be a volunteer opportunity listed for parents who are interested in being on a Homecoming Activity Committee.

The next meeting of the HBHS PTSA will be on December 7 at 7:00 pm at Jean Filer's house. Please come.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marsha Cone-Roddy