



HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL PTO MINUTES September 10, 2007

WELCOME- Anne Schwan

The meeting began at 9:05 with Anne Schwan presiding. Everyone introduced themselves. In attendance were: Carol Yost, Teresa Holland-Gresock, Heather Bujorian, Sandy Phillips, Terri Pfister, Diane Elliot, Debbie Krish, Kathy Alred, Sharon Centner, Marilyn Metta- Graham, Daryl Kubilus, Jr., Linda Goodwin, Annette Galbincea, Janet Lawrence, Christine Trout

MINUTES- Teresa Holland-Gresock
May 2007 minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Bonnie Schnieder
No report

OLD BUSINESS

- Open house was Sept. 6th. Marilyn Metta-Graham, Linda Goodwin and Anne Schwan sold signs, cookie dough, and jewelry.
- New meeting date discussed. The 2nd Wednesday of each month was agreed upon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Fundraising: Marilyn Metta-Graham and Linda Goodwin** We are selling yard signs that have Highland Football, Highland Marching Band, and Highland Soccer printed on them. We are selling them for \$12.00 each. We are also selling magnets with the phone numbers of the school along with absentee lines. Marilyn thanked everyone who helped get this fundraiser started and would like the members of the PTO to help promote it. A sign-up sheet was sent around for volunteer times for conference nights at the high school as well as middle school. Marilyn will also be selling them at all home football games. Teresa Holland-Gresock will contact Amy Lyon to see if we are able to sell them at youth football events. Carol Yost is going to contact someone in Youth Soccer to see if we can sell them at soccer games.
- **Hospitality: Sandy Phillips and Christine Trout** A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Oct. 4th conference night which will be a tailgate theme. Another sign-up sheet was passed around for the Oct. 18th conference which will be a pasta night.
- **Highland Foundation Anne Schwann** reported that some of the grants that the Foundation will sponsor at the high school are:
 1. The Fruity Pharaoh. Students will learn and perform the various steps involved in the mummification process used by the ancient Egyptians, including the construction of tombs.

2. This grant will commission a piece of music to be written, in cooperation with Wadsworth, Brunswick, Buckeye and Cloverleaf high schools instrumental programs, to honor the years of service that Jerry Carasea has spent teaching in Medina County.

3. High school students will participate in a simulated archeological excavation and civilization analysis project.

4. United Streaming-which is access on the computer to Discovery Channel sites. This was a pilot at other schools.

- **Sunshine Annette Galbincea** Mr. K will contact Annette when cards are needed.
- **New Parent Dinner- Kathy Alred** Approximately 220 people come to attend. A suggestion was made to make it a dessert or appetizer event instead of a dinner.
- **Mr. Kubilus**
 - The safety of the parking lot was a concern that was brought to Mr. K.'s attention last year by PTO. Mr. K. brought this issue up to the board and proposed a parking lot attendant that would cost no additional money. It would be paid for by parking passes purchased. The passes were sold for \$35.00 this year. Although the board will support this proposal, it is not officially accepted yet. The attendant hours will be 11:00-3:30. Mr. K. stated that his number one concern is student safety. To help with this issue, we will now have 2 staff member at the end of each day helping with bus duty.
 - Parent Assist is a program that is new at Highland this year. Parents will be able to log on to the web site and see:
 1. Your child's grades as entered by the teacher
 2. Your child's attendance
 3. Your child's schedule
 4. Emergency contact information on file
 5. Any fines or fees your child has accumulated.

For this program, parents will need a special access code that will be mailed out to the parents the week of Sept 27th. If you have more than one child, you will be given more than one access code.

Mr. K wanted to stress that this does not take the place of other types of communication.

- The newsletter will now be printed and sent home in interims. The community survey found out that only 6% of households will check the internet.
- We need volunteers to stuff envelopes for interims.
- A renewal levy will go on the ballot this November. There will be NO NEW TAXES. This is just a renewal of an operating levy that was passed in 1997. Even if the value of your house

increases, the amount of taxes you pay will NOT increase. Highland Pride works on levy issues. If anyone would like to become treasurer, please contact them. Highland Pride golf outing is Oct. 7th.

NEW BUSINESS

- Teresa Holland-Gresock and Heather Bujorian brought up the idea of selling magazines. This would not compete with the elementary schools since our sale would be held after theirs. Before we do this, we will talk to the elementary school principals. The majority voted that we would put an article in the newsletter as well as send home the informational packets. Teresa and Heather will be in charge of this.
- Sharon Centner asked if the PTO would be available to help with refreshments at school dances. SADD helps with the refreshments. Everyone agreed to help.
- Kathy Alred had a question for Mr. K. about the reserved seating at football games. Mr. Kuntz is in charge of seating. Mr. Kubilus is meeting with Mr. Kuntz this afternoon.
- Linda Goodwin asked if the PTO had a specific goal for the money they plan to raise. In the past, the PTO donates \$500.00 to after prom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40

Next meeting is October 10th

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Holland-Gresock