

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL PTO MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Alred at 9:05 A.M. Twelve members were in attendance: Sharon Centner-Brenstuhl, Sandy Phillips, Noreen Stone, Brenda Powell, Bonnie Schneider, Nancy Hopkins, Lynn Broadbent, Gail Fraher, Charles Grimes, Kathy Alred, Anne Schwan, and Cindy Kriska. The minutes of the September 12 meeting were read. A correction was made stating the profit from the PTO dinner was approximately \$524 instead of \$704. The minutes were approved. Bonnie Schneider reported that \$180 was paid for the green information cards and \$100 donated to the New Family Dinner. She reported a balance of \$915.91.

OLD BUSINESS

HIGHLAND PRIDE GOLF OUTING—The event went well, but not as well as in previous years. The administration assumed the sponsorship of the event. It is hoped that an individual will assume the chairmanship in the future. This information will be posted in the next newsletter.

WELCOME TO HIGHLAND DINNER—The dinner was very well attended with approximately 186 parents of new students attending. Three rooms were set up for babysitting for the event.

DISTRICT CALENDAR—The calendar listing the events of all the schools in the district should be out soon.

NEW BUSINESS

QUILT RAFFLE—Volunteers were recruited to help sell raffle tickets for the quilt donated by Brenda Powell. Tickets will be sold at the remaining home football games.

NO SCHOOL—October 14 and 17

HHS CONFERENCE NIGHT—October 19—Thanks to those who contributed to the October 6 Teachers Dinner. Sign-up sheet was distributed for the October 19 dinner.

SHARED CONCERN—The latest update to the Shared Concern list was included with the last newsletter.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE—Sympathy cards were sent to Mary Fran Kudla, Sarah Tylicki, and Tish Roginski among others.

HIGHLAND FOUNDATION—The next event will be a silent auction and dinner at Rustic Hills Country Club on November 12. A second round of Innovation Grants is being reviewed. Anyone interested in sitting on any of the committees should contact Anne Schwan.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STRATEGIC PLANNING—Key people in the community will be invited to take part in the strategic planning sessions at Rustic Hill on November 9-10. Committees will be formed from the original group. Anyone interested in becoming part of this process should contact Mr. Grimes or Dr. Armstrong.

FACILITIES—There are 100 new students to the building this school year. There is a concern about large class sizes. The need for additions to the building will be studied. The need for more space was evident at the Homecoming Dance. Last year 625 students attended. This year 710 students attended, emphasizing the need for more space. The Auxiliary Gym was made available because of the overcrowding in the cafeteria. The overcrowding will continue to be a problem in the future. Suggestions for helping with the problem were discussed. It was suggested that two areas be provided (café and gym) with DJ's in both places. Also, holding more dances during the year might cut down on attendance at the two big dances (Homecoming and Snow Ball). Sharon Centner-Brenstuhl commented on the great work done by Mrs. Nairus and SADD, providing snacks and 72 gallons of punch for the Homecoming Dance.

CHILDREN @ OPEN HOUSE—Mr. Grimes said that he did not see a problem with children attending Open House. It had been discouraged at the old high school because of the limited space.

NEXT PTO MEETING—November 14
MEETING ADJOURNED—10:25 A.M.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED—Cindy Kriska