



**HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL PTO
MINUTES
January 8, 2007**



WELCOME- Carol Yost

The meeting began at 9:05 with Carol Yost presiding. In attendance were: Carol Yost, Teresa Holland-Gresock, Lynn Broadbent, Nancy Boyher, Dianne Elliot, Anne Schwan, Bonnie Schneider, Debbie Krysh, Toula Kalatzis Spirtos, Cindy Kriska, Marilyn Metta- Graham, Daryl Kubilus, Jr.

MINUTES-Teresa Holland-Gresock

Minutes approved by Anne Schwan and a second by Lynn Broadbent with the correction of changing the spelling of Brandon Ra.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Bonnie Schnieder

No activity reported.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Post Prom-** meeting tonight at 5:00. The next meeting is on Feb. 5th at the Medina Rec Center.
- **Spring Musical-** auditions continue today
- **No School-**Jan 15 and Jan 19th.
- **BOE** –meeting Jan 9th
- **Report Cards-** Jan 26th. We need help stuffing the envelopes. Carol will send out a reminder.
- **Snowball dance-** Feb. 3rd
- **8th grade orientation at HHS-** Feb. 9th
- **Fundraising-**Linda Goodwin not present to discuss yard signs. Carol will check into signs.

SUNSHINE - Lynn Broadbent reported no activity.

HIGHLAND FOUNDATION: Anne Schwan.

On Feb 13th, Hinckley elementary will be putting on an opera that the students wrote. There are two performances. One is at 6:30 and the other is at 7:30 (at HHS). The Foundation is trying to make sure the public knows that the school is not funding these “extras”. The money

comes from private donations. The Foundation doesn't want to hurt the levy efforts.

IDEAS, OPEN FORUM:

- Anne Schwan brought up the idea of a used dress sale as a fundraiser. She is not sure whether it would work here. She saw it advertised at another district.
- Nancy Boyher brought many fundraising ideas that were used at the school system in St. Louis her children used to attend.
 - Battle of the Bands-might have security issues.
 - Barbeque for each grade level in the spring
 - Savor the Flavor-businesses donate food. Tickets are sold to try sample size food. This was successful when they held it on the night of the spring play.
 - Trivia night- This is an activity geared towards parents. Soda and popcorn was sold. People could also bring in appetizers for their own table. They auctioned gift baskets and had a 50/50 raffle. Nancy also reported that there might be companies who would arrange this event.
 - Senior Slam Banners-Banners made out of cardboard were sold to parents to hang in the gym during their Senior Lock-in.

Carol will pass all of this information onto Gail Freyher who is in charge of fundraising. There was also discussion on having a Senior lock-in. Mr. K. suggested that the senior lock-in be put aside for a couple of years due to hard feelings from past years.

There was a question about Festival of Music. It was explained that the students who do well in the solo and ensemble competition will perform. Refreshments served. The solo and ensemble competition is for all of Medina County and will be held on Jan 27th. They are expecting 1,500-2,000 people to attend.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. K.

- Mr. K would like to solve the problem of advertising for the theater department. Cindy Kriska stated that she thought ticket sales during lunch would help. There was also discussion of how Miss Fisher might need help in the costume room. Mr. K. said it looks great now.

- The canned food drive went extremely well. The students collected 1,800 more cans than their goal of 9,000 cans. Mr. K stated he was very proud of the students.
- Regarding the levy- The board has a lot of things to decide right now. There will be a county sales tax on the ballot in May. There will also be a constitutional amendment regarding school funding at the state level on the ballot in November. As soon as Mr. K gets any news from the board, he will let us know.
- Thanks you to Cindy Kriska for the newsletter. Hard copies were handed out.
- Parking lot monitoring: PTO wants to have something done about the safety issue *this* year.
- Sign: discussion about how public is more informed because of marquee on sign. Also, Anne Schwan has seen older community members coming to functions as a result of the sign.
- Light at entrance: No additional news. Will the library fund a light since we will share the driveway?

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

- Anne Schwann suggested selling Mother's Day flowers as a fundraiser but concerned that it might not go over well with high school students.
- Discussion about the PTO funding a scholarship. Mr. K suggested that the PTO needs to decide what the PTO would like to accomplish as well as identify what we do. (i.e. mission statement)
- Carol would like to see new photos on the web site. Mr. K. said he would pass the information on.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10

Next meeting is Feb. 12th

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Holland-Gresock