

AMHS Parent Association Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2005

In Attendance: Stephanni Hoza, Sylvia Forgey, Barb Bardin, John Matusak, Caren Davis, Jan Myers, Ruth Wolff, Gail Hanley, Taryn Oestreich, Miles and Anne Webb, Robin Seyfried, Cynthia Morales, Brenda Baltrusch, Sheila Lair, Karen Buehlmaier, Robin Hilton, Lori Perez, Stacey Hasselbrock and Kathy Van Hollebeke

Opening: Sylvia opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a prayer.

Minutes: The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Barb gave the treasurer's report. As of October 24, the Parent Association has \$1,283.92 in our bank account. Income has come from coffee and the membership drive, and expenses are mostly from the Parent Association promotion and the New Parent Dinner.

Vice Principal's Report: John said the blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, and there are still early morning appointments available. The next blood drive is scheduled for April, 2006.

The first quarter ends November 1 and report cards will be mailed shortly. Conferences are scheduled for November 10. John also said anything highlighted in blue in Power School links to something else.

Class retreats went very well. The Freshman retreat is scheduled for October 27.

October is recruitment time for John and 20 students trained to go to the feeder schools. So far, they've visited 10 elementary/middle schools and attended four regional high school nights.

The Fall play is scheduled for November 11 and 12.

Discussion then centered on establishing a prayer and memorial garden on school grounds to commemorate the passing of loved ones of our school families and staff. We agreed this would be a good idea. More to follow.

Freshman Rep Reports: Stacey and Lori reported that the teacher appreciation lunch went well.

Sophomore Rep Reports: Jan and Julie have conference night dinner for the teachers.

Junior Rep Reports: Junior parents are in charge of cookies, coffee and punch for the November 2 Open House.

Senior Rep Reports: Senior parents were in charge of Freshman Parent Night hospitality.

Cat's Pajamas: Cat's pajamas are coupons given out to the parents attending the Parent Association monthly meetings allowing their students to wear sweats to school. Sylvia said there were no complaints from anyone regarding this after the September meeting. John agreed, so the program is continuing.

Membership: Gail said 73 families have joined the Parent Association. Some ideas to encourage membership are: Set up a membership table at sports and school events, having discounts for events, an apparel raffle, and a Cat's Pajama's coupon.

On-line Magazine Sales: Colleen Norcott and Stacey are checking into this – more to follow.

Bunco: Stephanni has talked to Kathy Graff. So far, the date for Bunco is December 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in Grace Hall. Jan Myers explained the game to us. Discussion followed about having Bunco earlier in the year next year, perhaps October.

Guest Speakers: Julie and Ruth are open to ideas for guest speakers. It was suggested that we might get Curt Marsh, ex-football player turned inspirational speaker, to speak to both parents and students. Cascade and Jackson High Schools have monthly speakers that might also be available to us. Also, the FBI has speakers in training, possibly available in the Spring, to address teens and computer use/privacy concerns.

Other Fund-raising Ideas: A raffle – no other school organization has a raffle. We'll know more next meeting. "Jail and Bail" was also suggested. Money is raised by having someone (students, teachers) "jailed." Money can also be raised by posting bail for someone.

Wanted: Positions still needing to be filled are: Parent Association Vice President, Hospitality Chair, and help for our web page.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with a closing prayer from Stephanni.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Van Hollebeke
Secretary