

AMHS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING OCTOBER 24TH, 2006 MINUTES

Attendance: Mr. Matusak Vice-Principal, Stephanni Hoza President, Sylvia Forgey Secretary/Treasurer, Caren Warren-Davis, Kathy Wells, Janet Pohl, Cathy and Larry Graf, Joan Carlson, Meg Wiese, Lillian Cavalen, Taryn Oestreich, Heidi Bateman, Mary Presley, Elizabeth Keyes, Tim Weller, Robert Gunselman, Gail Hanley and Deena Lorraine

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Stephanni Hoza. Meeting was started with an opening prayer "The Our Father" begun by Sylvia Forgey Secretary/Treasurer.

Minutes for last meeting were distributed and attendees were given a few minutes to review. Stephanni asked for any changes and or input on the notes. No changes were made. There were several compliments and a special thank you to Gail Hanley for the meeting notes as acting Secretary at the last meeting. Great job Gail!

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Sylvia Forgey reviewed and distributed the expense report.

- Balance forward as of July 1, 2006 \$2,028.30
- Deposits \$3,412.00
- Checks (727.26)
- Balance as of October 23, 2006 \$4,713.04

Executive Board Report: Stephanni had Note Cards available to be signed by PA members for last year's leaders who are no longer at the school, their last child having graduated. Open positions were reviewed and discussed. The following positions still need to be filled:

- Outreach Chair-duties to coordinate with school, sympathy cards, etc.
- Guest speaker co-chair
- Trainee for Bunco chair
- Vice-President - to help out Stephanni
- Junior High dance co-chair

At the last meeting Molly Smith volunteered to be a Sophomore Rep, thank you Molly!

Stephanni reported on the magazine sales. The magazine online sales are self maintained and it's an easy way to fundraise in support of PA. The idea of the online subscription was suggested by Saint Mary Magdalene School. So far there were 17 subscriptions with \$160.00 in profit. The next check we should receive from the sales will be \$89.00.

School Report from Mr. Matusak, Vice-Principal:

- The first blood drive will be on 10/25. The blood center appreciates AMHS students that volunteer; generally they produce around 30 units of blood. The students must weigh 110 lbs in order to donate.
- The fall play is this weekend Saturday and Sunday 10/28 & 10/29, cost is \$5.00. It is put on by Mr. Wright and students.
- The quarter ends on Friday 10/27/2006
- Conferences with the Teachers will be on 11/9. Parents are invited to sign up for conferences effective Thursday 11/2. Conferences can be done by phone as well as in person.
- All Saints Day Mass will be held on Wednesday 11/1/06 @ 10:05; parents are welcome. All Souls Day Prayer Service will be on 11/2/06 @ 8:45.
- 11/3/06 the Thanksgiving Food Drive will begin.
- Sophomore overnight service retreat will be held on November 5th and 6th
- Our sports teams will be making the playoffs. Please check the website calendar for sporting events date and times.
- As part of our Admissions process we will begin visiting more schools. I take 4 teams of 4 students to speak and answer questions. We have spoken to 7 schools and 4 more are scheduled.
- We have received outstanding feed back on the Sno-Isle library system and tutoring services. The web site is: <http://www.sno-isle.org/>
- As a result of a parent concern, Mr. Matusak confirmed that Teachers as well as office staff should be responding back to parents either by E-mail or phone within 24 hours of their inquiry.
- Honor classes question: will there was going to be a larger or another honors class offered as the class is growing. Mr. Matusak confirmed that teachers will configure additional classes as honors curriculum whenever there is a planned need based on student population capabilities.

Survey Results:

Gail reported that she received a great response through the E-mail solicitation. From the feedback received she found that a lot of people wanted and were willing to help in several areas. Gail asked that at the next months meeting we should come with our top 3 items we wanted to address from the survey. She mentioned an idea for a link on the Web site that would be "Frequently Asked Questions" where people can go to get some answers to there FAQ's. Great Idea! Gail also mentioned that we now have 171 members on the PA, which is up from last year.

College Book:

Tayrn updated the AMHS college book. Thank you, Tayrn for your hard work and dedication on getting this "much needed" update. She also mentioned Development of a web site which will hold links and forms that can be downloaded.

Class Representative Reports:

- **Freshmen Class:** They reported the Teacher' Luncheon held on October 19th was a great success and the teachers loved it! It was a buffet style set up. They had salads, breads and desserts aplenty. They also had good participation with volunteers.
- **Sophomore Class:** Heidi and Molly are in charge of the Conference Night Teachers' Dinner on November 19th. They are working on a sign up sheet for food items for the 'Chilifest'.
- **Junior Class:** They will be in charge of the Open house on November 1st. Lillian and Janet will have refreshments in the cafeteria. There will also be student docents available to help direct and answer questions.
- **Senior Class:** Kudos to Caren for baking all the goodies that were served at the Freshmen Parent Open House.

Bunc-O-Rama Report: 44 people were in attendance and everyone had a great time, there was plenty of food and drink. The event brought in \$1,102.00 in sales.

Guest speakers: No report

By-Laws Revision: There are no records of previous years' by-laws. We are in the process of coming up with a new set of by-laws.

Confirm Board & Representatives: A motion was made to confirm new board members and motion was confirmed.

Next meeting will be held on November 27, 2006 at 7:00 PM in Grace Hall Library.