

AMHS Parent Association Meeting Minutes
For September 26, 2005

In Attendance: Stephanni Hoza, Sylvia Forgey, Barb Bardin, John Matusak, Brigitte Meeker, Barbara Hauschel, Loreen Robinson, Jan Myers, Ruth Wolff, Gail Hanley, Vicki Leone, Janet Pohl, Stacey Hassebrock, Mary Ellen Dean, Lori Hofmann, Joyce Allen, Lori Perez, Elizabeth Keyes, Joe Keyes and Kathy Van Hollebeke

Parent Association President Stephanni Hoza opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with a prayer. Parent Association (PA) officers, class representatives, and John Matusak, Vice Principal, were introduced. The PA still needs a vice president, whose main job is to find guest speakers. Ruth Wolff will help as a consultant in obtaining guest speakers. Vince Alkire will be our technical advisor and Gail Humann is in charge of Outreach.

Treasurer's Report: Barb Bardin reported the PA had \$1,184.10 at the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2005. Revenue since then includes \$1,200 in PA memberships. Expenses are \$800 for the New Parent Dinner, \$365 for pins, and \$40 for printing. Our balance as of September 26 is \$1,179.10.

Fundraising Ideas: New this year – PA memberships, Jr. High Dance, Bunco and possible tuition raffle. In the past the PA has paid for new chairs and a sound system. We also put on the Grandparent Lunch, New Parent Dinner, teacher appreciation lunches, and pay for guest speakers. We have an obligation to the school for \$5,000 to \$6,000; we're part of the operating budget.

Cat's Pajamas: New this year – parents attending PA meetings can get a pass for their student to wear sweats to school, preferably to be used during the week of the PA meeting.

Class Rep Reports/Duties: Sylvia Forgey described duties associated with putting on Baccalaureate Brunch and Graduation reception. Brunch and Mass are on campus now and it's catered. Sheri Conderman coordinates food and decorations. There's a possibility of making it Mass and a lunch for 2006. Stephanni said 2005 graduation brunch and reception went very well.

Lorene, Junior Class Rep, said the teacher in-service lunch went well. Jan Myers, Sophomore Class Rep, said Curriculum Night also went well.

Vice Principal Report:

Power School: John said mid-quarter grades are coming out soon, and parents would be receiving their access codes for Power School. Mid-quarter grades would not be mailed this year, but quarter and semester grades will still be mailed. Report cards will be out early November with conferences following.

Emergency Drill: October 4th will be an all school emergency drill. John said the school has enough food and water for 450 students for three days. PA donated emergency backpacks for the teachers a few years ago. We have two staff members with extensive medical experience, including Dr. Wellenstein.

Recruiting: John does recruiting presentations with the help of 25 students. October is a busy month for recruitment.

Other: There will be a Transfer Student Luncheon on September 29 for about 20 new transfer students. October 6 is Senior retreat day at Camp Brotherhood. October 7 will be an on-site faculty in-service day, no school for students. October 12 is the Plan Test and PSAT tests for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors (a day off for Seniors). Homecoming week is October 17 – 22. We play Sultan in the Homecoming game, with Homecoming Dance on October 22. Freshmen retreat is at the end of October.

The blood drive is October 26 and parents are invited to participate, or donations can be made at Puget Sound Blood Center in the school's name.

Other Volunteer Opportunities: Stephanni mentioned several programs that need volunteers, including: a **web site, communications** (such as a school bulletin board, bulk e-mailing, communications with feeder schools and churches), **tuition raffle** (we need to check on gambling laws), **Bunco, treats for students** such as pizza and ice cream sundaes, **PA membership** sign-ups, **hospitality, a mother's prayer group, guest speaker coordinator, volunteer coordinator, Jr. High Dance coordinator, magazine on-line subscriptions** and possible on-line purchases, **AMHS coffee mugs**, participation in **Sausage Fest** (for next year), **Parent Dance** (Jan Myers is coordinating), **Donkey Basketball, New Parent Dinner** for next year (Stephanni will advise), **Tickets for Teachers** (donating unused sports and events tickets to the teachers), **Grandparent Lunch**, and **Graduation**. Stephanni has sign up sheets for volunteers.

We voted on the new Freshmen Class Reps and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a prayer from John Matusak.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Van Hollebeke
Secretary