

City Honors PTSCO

March 16, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Minutes of last meeting: reviewed and approved

Treasury Report: submitted by Peter Cammarata

Report distributed covers Feb. 16, 2006 through March 16, 2006. Beginning balance as of 2/16/06 was \$3,057.47. Ending balance s of 3/16/06 is \$1432.41. Actual amount available for disbursements is \$941.09.

Site Based Management Team: Debbie Keresztes

Each CHS department has prepared an assessment for end of the year. SBMT will be receiving more information this month. Field Trips – larger trips to be scheduled for 8th and 12th grades. They hope to start with next year's 8th grade class to plan a trip and raise money. There will be a parent-teacher social gathering, perhaps at end of May. Dr. Kresse will work on a schedule for seniors after their AP and IB exams in May.

District Parent Coordinating Council: Ann Marie Jurado

City Honors Reconstruction situation was discussed. Parent Workshop to be held Sat. March 25 at Lydia Wright School from 8:30am-1:00pm.

PTSCO Auction: Sue Zuchlewski

Auction to be held March 31st. Please attend and continue to bring in or solicit donations of basket items and baked goods.

Junior-Senior After Prom Party: Sue Mann Dolce

Plans are underway for June 16th at eh Marcy Casino. They want to undertake other entertainment ideas this year. Donations are encouraged.

Moving Up Day: Ms. Cardina

All plans are set and underway for MUD. Mailings will go out in April. They also will try to take the 8th graders “somewhere” for a day in June, just to enjoy themselves. “True Colors” program went very well for the 8th graders, and they'd like to continue this program for the 10th graders also.

Ride for Roswell: Dan Sharpe

To take place Sat. June 24th. Reminder to register on www.register.roswellpark.org). We are the Cycling Centaurs team.

Hockey Coach Benefit: March 23rd

Benefit for Fred Korey, coach of CHS Hockey team the past 4 years, and Exec. Dir. of Hasek's Heroes. Event will raise funds to cover medical expenses for his treatment of ALS.

Ms. Banas:

Came to meeting to thank PTSCO for allotting money to participate in model United Nations at U.B. It went very well and they hope to participate next year.

CHS Reconstruction Project: Andrea Szalanski

Presented a summary of the timeline over the last month. After a 2 year study by architects, CHS had been recommended for Phase III, based upon a number of factors. However, the Supt. and Board left us out of Phase III and indicated we will be put in Phase IV. A meeting was held March 1st where this change was announced, reassuring us that no disrespect for our program was intended. On March 8th, students and Andrea went to the Board meeting. The Supt. called her at home to reassure her of Phase IV. It was also mentioned that we'll get a renovated building but it may not be our current one. Phase III still has to go through the State Educ. Dept. for approval, and they will see that BPS went against their consultants' recommendations. The CHS Foundation has developed a postcard citing reasons for remaining at current building location and not relocating. Endorsed by Fosdick Masten Alumni Assoc. also. Will PTSCO endorse this also? We can send out to all parents requesting they call and write elected officials and BPS officials.

School News: Dr. William Kresse, Principal

Dr. Kresse passed out flyers – "No Cost, No Effort Ways to Help" – highlighting 3 programs designed to bring more money into our school on a percentage basis: Target card or Target Visa; Verizon long distance "Extra Credit" program; WaMoola for Schools program. Detailed info is available on our website www.cityhonors.org regarding these ways to help. There was a great Surprise Farewell Assembly honoring Keith McGinness on his retirement.

Seniors after May exams: students requested an internship program be re-energized. Teachers will decide and an internship program may then be formed. If not, there will be parent signed early release forms available.

Cafeteria Project: We have some donations of Buffalo-themed posters and prints, and are looking for more. Some of them have already been plaqued.

Summer School: CHS will again be a site. July 6-Aug. 14 classes only for seniors in Regents courses. No other classes are offered.

Class trips: Two major class trips. An 8th grade trip can be decided upon in 6th grade so fundraising can begin. For 12th grade, Disney World has been recommended. Administration will support these trips in every way possible.

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra: On March 28th the BPO will include four of our students in the youth orchestra. There are 200 free tickets in each school, and the one with the most tickets used at the door will win \$2000 for their music program.

Spring Lecture Series: continuing with two more speakers scheduled.

Spring Fling: The CHS Foundation annual fundraiser will be held May 19th at the school. Funds raised will be used to purchase needed textbooks. Please try to attend!

Library Project: We hope to be renovating library with new furniture. Prish Moran is working with Melisa Holden on this. Thinking about Roycrofters building tables, maybe with donor names engraved on side of tables. More info on this will be forthcoming. A fundraising effort will begin, similar to the Museum Room a few years ago.

Next Meeting: April 27, 2006

The May meeting will be held at 5:30pm on May 18th.

Minutes submitted by Linda Foley