

# City Honors PTSCO

November 17, 2005

Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm.

**Minutes of last meeting:** reviewed and approved

## **Treasury Report: Peter Cammarata**

Report distributed covers Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Beginning balance as of 10/20/05 was \$30,375.44. Ending balance as of 11/16/05 was \$15,872.93. Amount available for disbursements is \$2430.20. Reminder to all to send in PTSCO membership money. We have \$700-\$800 less than last year at this time. We still have **CHS sweatshirts** for sale; perhaps they will sell at the 12/1 Parent/Teacher conference night.

## **Finance Committee: Ralph Proulx**

There's a membership appeal in the current newsletter. Requests this month:

**Cross country:** \$450 banquet request - \$225 approved. **Boys Varsity**

**Basketball:** \$175 req. to replenish jerseys - \$175 approved. **Hockey team**

gr. 6,7,8: \$500 req. for fees - \$300 approved. **Basketball team** 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> gr:

\$500 req. for fees & jerseys - \$300 approved. **High School Athletics** dept. req. purchase of extra varsity jackets to display for sale – denied with reason that vendors should give jackets to display for sizes.

**Student Directory** update: originally only 300 forms were returned to school. More forms were handed out to H.R. teachers again. Discussed how best to have these forms completed next year so directories can be sent out earlier.

## **School Business: Dr. Kresse, Principal**

Dr. Kresse updated group on CHS activities this past month. He's held meetings with all classes to get to know students and issues. Admission testing is completed. Asst. Principal **Angela Hannah** is out on maternity leave with new daughter Taylor. **Denise Clark** is filling in. Dr. Kresse has attended the Ice Cream Social and various sporting events. Soccer Team did well; cross country girls won Section VI Sportsmanship Award! Thank you to **Ms. Cardina**, coach. Girls Volleyball team won the sectional title but lost a tie breaker in regionals. Recent guest speakers: Native American culture;

a U.B. guest speaker brought by Ms. Collesano; and Dr. Harvey Young from Northwestern University. Recent **Wendt Foundation grant money** will pay for more artists-in-residence.

**Fundraising:** changed recycling company to Abatibi – the dumpster is in parking lot on Masten side. They pay us monthly according to paper weight. Please consider adding your recycled paper to this effort when possible!

**Verizon** long distance program – they give 5% of the bill back to CHS. Good all over the U.S., so let all friends and family know. Info on website.

**Target** credit cards also give money back to school. **Office Depot** gives school vouchers for their stores – mention CHS when shopping there.

There may be changes in our **grading system** per the downtown Office of Student Information. They want to change from alphabetical to numerical grading. Dr. Kresse has requested they not change without input from faculty and parents at CHS.

**District Parent Coordinating Council: Sue Mann Dolce**

Please come to meetings on first Tues. of month at 6:30pm at Emerson. Supt. Williams is at every meeting. It's our chance to speak with him.

**Site Based Management Team: Ms. Keresztes**

Currently reorganizing and soliciting our input.

Dr. Kresse discussed **admissions testing**. A committee will be convened in Feb. to look at ways to best recruit a good pool of qualified candidates and to keep diversity level up at CHS. Wants to target talented minority students who have tested well in school and recruit them for our testing procedures.

**Metro Bus Passes:** This year drivers are denying students if route is not the one designated on their pass. See Mr. McGinness to change bus pass route.

Discussion of making **class trips** for specific grades more systematic and equitable. What methods to use? To be placed on next meeting's agenda. Next meeting January 19, 2006.

Minutes submitted by Linda Foley

