

City Honors PTSCO

October 18, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Minutes of last meeting reviewed and approved.

Treasury Report: Susan Koepfel

Report covers Sept. 17 – Oct. 18, 2007. Beginning balance was \$11,935.03 and ending balance is \$39,314.43. Out of this balance, the amount available for PTSCO disbursements is \$6,331.85.

Finance Committee: Andrea Szalanski with info from Ralph Proulx

There were three funded requests of the Finance Committee. \$200 was approved for uniforms for a new Band Color Guard. \$300 was approved for the Girls Varsity Volleyball Team for training camp. \$520 was approved for Theatre of Youth performance attendance by our Autistic Program participants.

Site Based Management Team: Debbie Keresztes

They are working on the following ideas for this school year: Study Skills in the middle school; changing the format of Meet the Teacher Night in Sept.; expand the Big Brother/Big Sister program throughout the year.

CHS Foundation: Linda Foley

The Mary Kiefer Memorial Fund has been established by the Foundation with donations generously requested by her family after her recent passing. Funds most likely will benefit the IB Program, where she worked for many years. Seven seniors were awarded out of town scholarships by a CHS alumnus this past year. A Foundation newsletter, the "Hilltopper" will be sent out soon. With the consolidation of the CHS alumni and the Fosdick Masten alumni, we are now known as the City Honors Fosdick Masten Park Foundation. Grant applications have been sent out to benefit the school newspaper and the Center for Autistic and Ausperger Excellence at CHS. Approvals were given to fund: the purchase of Babel tickets, (international writer series at Just Buffalo) for our World Lit students; Band Color Guard uniforms for 5th-8th graders; helping the Girls Varsity Volleyball Team attend summer camp clinic; Theatre of Youth performances for Autistic Program participants; Podcasting pilot program for the Science Dept. Since 1996, the Foundation has donated \$589,132 to City Honors programs.

Welcome Back Picnic Update: Sandy Cammarata

Thanks to everyone who worked diligently on our 6th annual picnic, where there were more than 930 Chiavetta's dinners sold. It was a fun evening filled with camaraderie, good food, and information about CHS activities. Next year's Chairperson, Elena Blatto (thanks for volunteering to chair after Sandy's third child graduates this year!) is already planning for 2008.

School Business: Andrea Szalanski

Dr. Kresse had to attend a district Principals' meeting. CHS Senior Breakfast is to take place this Saturday, Oct. 20. Junior parents are cooking breakfast this year, and we thank them in advance.

The 5th and 6th grade Ice Cream Social and Haunted Lockers will take place Oct. 26th.

On Nov. 1st at 6:30pm at CHS there will be a presentation for parents on Internet safety.

Speaker Series is in full swing. Author Rishi Reddi will speak tomorrow to students. Also scheduled are: Scot Fisher, Howard Zemsky, and D. Joseph Mook, Ph.D. Full schedule and topics are on our website.

District Parent Coordinating Council: Kathy Critharis

Information was handed out on the Oct. 16th meeting and sessions to be held during the year. On Oct. 27th there will be a Parent Training Workshop at Lydia T. Wright School from 9am-12pm. The group is working on priorities for this year. Meetings are open to the public and held monthly.

There was much discussion about an improved website as a top priority.

A parent mentioned that their household was receiving phone calls soliciting the children in the house, only wanting to speak to them and refusing to talk to the parent. Discussion of these annoyance calls and how to handle them ensued.

There was discussion among some parents about the lunchtime protocol in the cafeteria. Is talking or moving about not allowed? Have there been curtailments or changes in senior privileges? Andrea Szalanski will relay these questions or concerns to Administration.

Next meeting: Nov. 15th at 6:30pm (7th grade parents meeting at 5:30pm)

Minutes submitted by Linda Foley