

General Membership Meeting

May 5, 2006, 9:30 AM
Held at IHS Room B-3

Call to Order – Mary Lou Pauly

Mary Lou called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. 23 members signed in.

Secretary's Report – Deborah Parsons

Minutes from April

Deborah Parsons presented the minutes from the April 7, 2006 General Membership meeting. Accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Diane McGee

Financial Statement

Collected \$3,785 from SAT. We have about \$2,600 more cash than anticipated in the budget, plus the carryover, we expect to have about \$5,000 left over at the end of the year.

Additional Insurance Coverage

We added an accidental medical rider to our policy to cover the Senior party. This adds about \$75 to our insurance, which we are contributing to the Celebration.

President's Report – Mary Lou Pauly

Acknowledgements

Thank you to:

- The Budget committee: Marianne Kersten, Sue Burke, Diane McGee, Mary Lou Pauly and Jiff Searing
- Susan Balkman and Sue Jacobson for the WASL refreshments
- Deed Chase for the Outstanding Educator awards which will be presented next week.
- Barb Cowen for stepping up to do the end-of-year staff lunch.

PTA Council Report

The High School is looking at the AVID program. Superintendent Janet Barry will be presenting about this on June 8.

Convention is this weekend. 45 people are registered from Issaquah.

IHS received the Standards of Excellence Award.

New Council officers:

- Presidents: Leigh Stokes and Heather Gillette
- Vice President-High Schools: Teresa Bretl
- Vice President-Middle Schools: Deed Chase
- Vice President-Elementary Schools North: Kristi Pitzele
- Vice President-Elementary Schools Central/South: Elizabeth Pendleton
- Treasurer: Audrey Winslow
- Secretary: Angie McBride

Principal's Report – Paula Phelps

We need a parent rep for the District Advisory Team (DAT).

Thank you for the snacks during the WASL. The kids took the test very seriously. This year, there was a week of WASL, then Stanford testing for 2 days, then another week of WASL. Next year there will be an extra week of WASL because the reading and writing parts are split.

The kids are currently taking the AP tests.

The "In Harmony" boys vocal ensemble took 1st place at the State competition.

The sports teams are winding up for the end of the year. The baseball team is in the playoffs.

The Metro League is deciding whether to take away the state titles from Chief Sealth High School; there were a number of girls who were allegedly illegally playing. Our girls lost to Chief Sealth by one point.

We are changing the process for class schedule revisions. Kids will have about 2 weeks to make changes. They will receive a letter giving their schedule, and the procedure for making any changes. Kids who are in advanced honors and AP classes will receive extra info on what is required for those classes. In the summer, a couple of weeks before Taking Care of Business days. Kids can not go through TBD unless they have fixed everything on their schedule beforehand. Changing classes after the school year starts causes the kids to miss instructional time.

Julia Bamba will be the new Assistant Principal.

Rich Butler will be the new Dean of Students.

Emily Tyson will be taking over the iVision program. iVision did receive a large grant from ISF.

The process for choosing a new football coach is ongoing. There is a team made up of parents, coaches and staff working on this. They expect to identify a new coach in about 2 weeks.

If a child has more than 10 absences, they will not get credit for the class. There is an attendance appeals process, however.

The mock crash is happening for juniors and seniors on May 26. At the same time, the sophomores will be having a drug and alcohol assembly. This is done every other year.

Principal's Report – Dana Bailey (Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus)

Spring has sprung at the Freshman Campus; the boys are all getting very tall.

130 9th grade kids took the WASL.

They recently applied for the Sol-Haus (?) foundation grant. This is used to help students who can't afford school supplies, such as PE uniforms, etc.

They are working on getting the freshman gym games to be played at the PCFC so the kids don't have to travel to the high schools to play. The fields should be done next year.

They will be offering biology next year. Kids are testing now to see if they can take this.

Over 300 kids are taking geometry.

On June 19, is the final concert of all of the PCFC music groups. They will be performing Phantom of the Opera in full orchestra. They are sounding phenomenal. The band and orchestra took all 1's in the competition.

Incidents of discipline are extremely low. The kids are racing ahead without the distractions.

Today they have an assembly called "Rachel's Challenge". It is the sister of one of the kids killed at Columbine; a very inspirational speaker.

The semi-formal dance held in March was the best attended dance they had. Since kids were not allowed to hire limos, a large group of kids hired a school bus.

Thank you for the recognition money from the IHS PTSA. About 200 kids were recognized this year for their scholarship and citizenship.

Enrollment is going to be about 100 kids, so staff is being hired in all subject areas.

Staff Report – Todd

Nothing to report.

Site Council Report – Nancy Campi

The next meeting is on May 17. Let Nancy know if you need anything brought up.

The Booster Club is looking for more involved volunteers for next year.

At the last meeting, they reviewed the new nutrition policy. Pretty much nothing in the vending machine will comply with the policy. One of the problems is the portion being too large.

The Tolo chaperones were wonderful and made a great difference in the tone of the event. They made it fun. The parents had received a helpful list of guidelines ahead of time.

They are looking for a new parent volunteer for Site Council. Get an application from Nancy.

Legislation Report – Deborah Parsons

Nothing to report. We will go over the resolutions adopted at Convention next month.

VP Reports

Volunteers, Membership, Fundraising

Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Outstanding Educator

The awards will be presented next week.

Quarterly Student Awards - JoEllen

Breakfast May 25 at 6:30 am. They need volunteers.

Senior Celebration - JoEllen

They have been taking bus sign-ups at lunch. They have met the contract requirement of 200 students. Marianne has been procuring prizes. She has done an outstanding job. Three sponsors: Swedish Medical, Chicago Title, Port Blakely. There have been about 50 other prizes.

Teacher Appreciation – Barb Cowen

Teacher Appreciation week is next week, May 8-12. Monday - chocolate day; Tuesday – Mexican Munchies; Wednesday – continental breakfast; Thursday – sweatshirts for the staff; Friday – Lunch.

Parent Ed – Jiff

Lynn Laks attended a Council Parent Ed meeting for us. Lynn has expressed an interest in being the IHS PTSA Parent Ed rep next year. She will need some volunteers to help. Next fall there will be a Parent Ed night.

Unfinished Business

Funds Requests

Update on Fitness Training

The Velocity Program pilot did not carry through. The attendance dropped off when the spring sports started. We will get a \$600 refund on the portion unused.

Songwriter Software

They are asking for software for the kids to use to write songs. Software for 15 computers, plus headphones; \$150 per station. The request is for \$2790.

We would also like to reserve some funds to provide 2 summer tuition scholarships.

We need also to find out the status of the funds for the PCFC reader board.

This is an opportunity to fund the arts, which we don't get to fund very often.

Barb Cowen moves that we fund the request. Seconded. Motion carries.

We will request a sample CD.

New Business

Fundraising

Nancy suggested that we should be collecting the kids' receipts at the market and ask for a rebate donation, like Albertsons does.

Budget Committee Draft Budget

The budget committee: Marianne Kersten, Sue Burke, Diane McGee, Mary Lou Pauly and Jiff Searing.

Diane presented a draft of the budget for next year. Everyone is asked to review it carefully and send in comments or be prepared to discuss them at the next meeting, where we will be adopting the budget.

The Senior Celebration lines could still use more clarification for baccalaureate fund raising.

The "League of Education Voters" line should be changed to "Legislation Donations."

Additional Calendar Items

We will be looking for volunteers for an Audit committee.

August registration will need volunteers to help put the registration packets together.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Next Meeting

The next Issaquah High School PTSA general membership meeting will be on June 2 at 9:30 AM at Diane McGee's house. Directions will be sent out.

Deborah Parsons
PTSA Secretary