

## General Membership Meeting

**Call to Order and Welcome:** President Marianne Kersten called meeting to order at 9:32 am.

- Marianne announced that WA Attorney General Rob McKenna was currently speaking to students about legal issues related to drug use, web sites, identity theft and such areas of relevance to teens. A Thank you card was passed for members to sign.
- A letter asking the College Board to consider adding more local SAT test sites was passed for signatures.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lori VanDeMark presented Jan. 11, 2008 minutes for review. Approved as corrected.

- PTSA mail received was available for review.

**ISF:** Kelly Munn explained that this year's "Calling For Kids" campaign focus will be G.L.A.D. teacher training. The program originated with ELL and targets two main areas: teaching to every type of learner and using best practices in classroom control. Beginning with the elementary level, the program will move into secondary schools if enough funds are raised. Colleen Volk encouraged parents to support this endeavor, particularly with older kids, as she noted her own son's improvement with a GLAD-trained teacher. Currently, 160 teachers have received the training in the ISD. Calls will take place on April 1 and 2. Donations are accepted ahead of time and will save a phone call. Our PTSA has funds set aside to pay for a mailing.

**Multi-Cultural Event:** Asma Ahmed thanked PTSA and Principal Paula Phelps for their support with the successful event, attended by approx. 500 people. Over 50 countries were represented with food and non-stop entertainment. Many students participated, receiving extra credit. Discussion followed regarding increasing the budget in order to thank participants. Asma will consult with Treasurer Susan Hegedus to be sure that donations are handled appropriately. Marianne reminded that the Staff Appreciation Week thanks teachers. **Asma Ahmed made a motion to amend the Multi-Cultural Event budget, adding \$300 for a total of \$500. Seconded, passed.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer Susan Hegedus presented the Jan. 2008 Financial Report, noting that the estimated excess carry forward to 08-09 has been updated on pg. 4 (asterisks note items included in revising the estimate.)
- The Mock Crash has not yet billed PTSA. Nancy Campi will follow-up on this.

**President's Report:**

- **Acknowledgements:** Marianne thanked Asma Ahmed for the Multi-Cultural Event.
- **Principal Meeting:** the 2<sup>nd</sup> 100% membership application has been mailed to the State PTA.
  - Paula Phelps has nominated IH PTSA for Outstanding Local Unit of the Year.
  - It has been requested that more dates be included on the school web site.
  - It was suggested that PTSA meetings next year be held at Clark Elementary to make it easy for Ms. Phelps to attend. A portion of Clark may temporarily become part of IHS.
  - PTSA items will need to be removed from the conference room and stored elsewhere due to the rebuild.
  - Current membership stands at 1329, with efforts being made to increase staff membership.

**Council Meeting:**

- ISF will speak at next week's meeting.
  - 2008 Washington State PTA has placed the following in nomination:
    - Finance Officer – Sherry Marlin
    - Secretary – Bonnie Kayla
    - Leadership Director – Kari Wilkinson
    - Program Director – Maureen Monson
    - At-Large Nominating Committee – Pamela Downing, Karin Catey, Charlotte Kemble
- Elections will be held at the Annual State Convention, May 4-6.
- Audrey Bennett has been elected Region 2 Director.

**Legislation Report:** Deborah Parsons announced that Focus Day in Olympia is Feb. 13. The agenda is available on the Council web site and was passed out to those planning to attend. Carpools are being formed.

- The WA State caucuses are this Saturday.

- Those interested in receiving informational e-mails from 48<sup>th</sup> District Rep. Ross Hunter may contact Deborah to subscribe.

### **New Business:**

- **Financial Review:** Anne Moore and committee found the records looking great, adding that we have a wonderful treasurer who does a great job. Marianne thanked the committee of Anne, Camie Callahan, and Jan West.
- **Scholarship Committee:** Suzanne Goodman explained that applications for the 4-\$500 Senior Merit Scholarships given by PTSA are due April 20. Students will be notified by May 11. As the current senior class and those following are larger than normal, it was suggested that the number of scholarships given be increased. **Colleen Volk made a motion to add \$1000 to the Senior Merit Scholarship line item, increasing the number of scholarships given by 2 to a total of 6. Seconded, passed.**
- **Special Funds Request:** Teachers Vail Crain Baxter and Keri Dean request funds to attend a workshop July 20 in order to keep up-to-date with SAT testing and preparation. **Anne Moore moved to approve the request to fund the College Board Post-Conference Workshop for School-Based SAT Preparation in Math and Holistic Scoring for Writing for up to \$330. Seconded, passed.**

**Unfinished Business:** Nominating committee: **Karin Allen moved to elect Deed Chase, Nancy Campi, and Jane Lee to the Nominating Committee. Seconded, passed.**

- Colleen Volk announced that volunteers will be needed to help with the ISF mailing.

**Meeting adjourned 10:28 am**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Call to Order:** President Marianne Kersten called meeting to order at 10:28 am.

### **Staff Report:**

- Counselor Susan Graham reported that it has been challenging for teachers to input so many grades simultaneously to Skyward. Teachers have until Monday, Feb. 12 to input all grades. Transcripts should be available after another week. Seniors needing transcripts for mid-year reports should contact the counseling office for help. It was suggested that a school statement verifying the delay be available for students to include when contacting colleges.
- Counselors have been readying students for upcoming registration. Last Wednesday a HS planning night was held for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents and counselors have been available to answer questions in the lunchroom. It was noted that more time might be needed for students to meet with counselors between planning night and registration. Susan explained that it will be possible to make some scheduling changes shortly after registration if necessary. Marianne suggested pod casts be available for parents unable to attend such events.
- Most sophomores will register Mon., Feb. 11; most juniors Tue, Feb. 12; the remainder Wed., Feb. 13. This will take place in the Library during Social Studies classes. Students at PCFC register Thu., Feb. 14.
- Advanced Biology and AP Biology will both be offered next year.
- Students aiming to advance their level of math during summer must look to neighboring district schools or to BCC. IHS's summer math program is make-up only.
- Students considering Running Start or NEVAC must list these in the spaces for Alt. #1 so that students will have a solid schedule in place at school if they change their minds. They will then be contacted by a counselor.

**Site Council:** Lise Place reported that the Jan. mtg focused on the rebuild. There is no meeting in Feb. The next 3 mtgs. will address the rebuild: Mar. - parking, Apr. – communication, May – transition. Contact Lise with questions.

- Nancy Campi added that reps are being selected for a Graduation Requirement Committee. One parent from each HS area will be selected. If interested, contact Lise. SC mtgs are open and held 2:45 – 4:00 on Weds., mid-month.

### **VP Reports:**

- **Volunteers:** Camie Callahan asks for 2 volunteers for math proctoring next Tue., Feb. 12, 7:15 – 9:30 am.
- **PCFC:** Jody Mull announced that the next PTSA mtg is Feb. 27, 10 am. Randy Nevin from ISF will speak.
- **Awards:** Marianne noted that Lacey Leigh is preparing awards applications and that Golden Acorn nominations are due Feb. 15.
- **Parent Ed:** Upcoming events include “How to Help Your Student Succeed in High School and Beyond Pt. 2” at IHS, speaker Ken Wong, Mar. 4, 7-9 pm, “Teens and Drugs” at PLMS, speaker Jeff Bowlby, Mar. 11, 9:30 am.
- **Quarterly Student Honors:** Deed Chase thanked volunteers who provided baked goods for the event honoring 67 students. Over 200 people were in attendance.

- **The Region 2 Spring Conference** will take place March 15 at Mt. Si HS.

**Other:** Susan Hegedus reported that the physics students gave an awesome presentation of their PTSA-funded project “Recapturing Household Heat from Wastewater” at the American Association of Physics Teachers Conference in Baltimore. The presenting students, Elyssa Dixon, Chris Mabson, and Rachel Chin did a great job answering questions put to them. The group was asked to follow up with two papers to be published in a journal – one about the project and another about their experience.

**Meeting adjourned 11:00 am**

Following the business meeting, ISD Director of Facilities Steve Crawford and an IHS rebuild project architect gave a presentation and answered questions.

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