

**Unionville High School PTO  
Meeting Minutes Oct. 13, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. In attendance were: Linda Bowen, Paula Massanari, Stephen Bowen, Dottie Slamon, Lori Joseph, Katy Donovan, Lele Galer, Robin Kitay, Rekha Doraiswamy, Mellissa Jacono, Eileen Bushelow, Joanne Bates, Heidi Brown, Linda Fisher, Donna Perri, Gregg Lindner, Susan Wright, Joyce Phillips, Jeff Leiser, Holly Manzone, Timotha Trigg, Shelia Romine, Marcy McGovern, Jody Byrne, Frank Deady, Karen Halstead, Carol O'Brien, Carol McShane

**Minutes:** The Sept meeting minutes were reviewed, a motion was made to approve the Minutes; the motion was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Fisher went over the budget. The directory came in over budget. The membership looks like it will be over budget also. Linda will be reporting on the After Prom budget during the year.

**Guidance Report:** Dr. Deady reported on college planning for 10<sup>th</sup> graders was last week. The seniors are doing well with their application process. Counselors are reviewing applications. In the second marking period, the counselors will begin seeing 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Principal's Report:** Paula Massanari reported that the construction was right on schedule and that there have been no complaints. The teachers have been asked to lay off homework before the PSAT'S. There will be 2 meetings in Dec to go over the results, one with sophomores and one with juniors. Paula asked that kids stay home when they are sick. USC is purchasing lockers for duffle bags. She is looking for the PTO to help. All valuable things such as IPODS can be locked in the regular, skinny lockers. Homecoming this year was lovely and UHS won. The dance was uneventful despite the fact that the breathalizers were broken.

**Teacher Rep Report:** Jody Bryne reported that there was a positive feel in the school.

**Student Council Representative's Report:** Stephen Bowen reported the magazine drive netted only \$3000 which was half of last year. Also, homecoming went very well with no problems. The Dance Team this year has 21 people versus 10 last year. They participated in a program with a ballerina who danced with the dance team and it was well received. The auditions for the musical Les Miserable are ongoing. District calendars are being distributed to the youngest in the family.

**Presidents Report:** Joanne Bates thanked Barb Guin for school pictures. Retakes will be on Nov. 4. She also thanked Kathy Miller for practice tests, Tracy Hyde and Cindy Hineman for The Bridge and the website, Rekha Doraiswamy for E-News and Shelia Romine and Joyce Phillips for curriculum. On Oct. 29 the PTO's and League of Women Voters is sponsoring a Meet the Candidates night for the people running for school board. Jeff Leiser and Holly Manzone will be there but may not be answering questions to give time to other candidates who are running against others.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Heidi Brown reported that the Alumni Reception will be on December 23.

### **Committee Reports:**

**After Prom:** Joanne Bates reported that the after prom committees are coming along.

**Art Gala:** Lele Galer reported that the art gala will be held on Nov 13-14 at the high school. There are approximately 70 artists participating. There will be new and emerging artists as well as UHS grads both young and old. Terrain will be doing the entranceway again. N. Anthony are taking 2 students and making them "Works of Art." There will be a silent auction this year with artists donating works. Sovana Bistro will also be doing an evening of art at the restaurant.

**Curriculum Council:** Joyce Phillips and Shelia Romine reported on the latest meeting in October. They included there typed notes. However, there were 3 main changes. The first is a change in the Math program that mainly affects the Middle School. The second is a change in Science which affects mainly the High School. The third is a change in the AT program.

**Communities That Care:** Holly Manzone reported that the District would like everyone to read "Price of Privilege." The School Board is reviewing its policy on extracurricular activities, policy #122. You can go to the district website to review this. She also reported that there was accident on 926 involving a middle school student. She will be ok but is currently in Christiana and the family may need some help.

**Community Service:** Linda Fisher reported that on Oct 24 there will be the clean-up at the middle school for the bike drive. There are approximately 150 bikes.

**FOCUS:** Lele Galer reported about a program about Student Driver Awareness with Ken Ginsberg that FOCUS is sponsoring. Also, the school is getting 3 simulators from Brian Miller in memory of Abbey Miller. These will be in the library.

**Membership:** Hannah Christopher reported that 275 families have joined and that the \$ level is on target.

**School Board Rep:** Sharon Parker's contract was extended for 2 more years. The sessions are taped and can be watched on line. Committee meetings have been changed to the first Mon of the moth and will at:

- 6:00 Facilities
- 6:45 Finance
- 7:15 Communication
- 7:45 Curriculum
- 8:15 Personnel

**Used Book Sale:** Joanne Bates reported that we still need a CHAIRPERSON for this committee.

### **Old Business:**

**Grants:** Lele Galer reported that as the grant writer for the district, she is there to supplement the PTO's and the district funds. One of the grants that she is currently working on is a Lowes grant for \$5000.