

**Unionville High School PTO
Meeting Minutes December 4th, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. *In attendance were:* Carol Catanese, Carol O'Brien, Lori Joseph, Eileen Bushelow, Pat Muller, Jim Fulginiti, Rekha Doraiswamy, Donna Perri, Jay Cranston, Frank Deady, Lisa Wentz, Barb LaChance, Lynn Majarian, Janice Clark, Robin Kitay, Joanne Bates, Lele Galer, Susie Rocobaldo, Shannon Pitt, Barbara Guin, Beth Raube, Carolyn Viens, Jibola Ajayi, Sue Hayes, Tracy Hyde, and Dolores Leiser.

Minutes: The November meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to amend the minutes to reflect that Community Service collected 170 bikes and 150 were given away. Motion was seconded and passed.

Special Student Presentation: Carol O'Brien introduced high school senior Shannon Pitt who is the School Board Student Representative. Shannon reported that Student Council conducted a survey on Homeroom and found that almost 84% of students surveyed want Homeroom back. She indicated that teachers also will be surveyed. Shannon reminded everyone that the Music Department is holding auditions for the spring musical *The Pirates of Penzance* and that the NHS is holding a Brick Drive.

Guidance Report: Dr. Deady announced that there will be tables set up outside the Guidance Office for students to pick up their PSAT results. Senior applications with January 1st deadlines need to be to the Counseling Department by December 10th.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Wentz reviewed the Treasurer's Report. She commented that the Art Gala numbers are not final but close and estimates it should make about \$6500. Carol O'Brien made the suggestion to move some of the Discretionary Fund money into the Projects Fund for Projects use, leaving a balance of \$1000 in the Discretionary Fund. A motion was made to move ahead with this suggestion; the motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report; the motion was seconded and passed.

Special Projects Vote: Lynn Majarian distributed the Projects Request Summary and voting ballot, explaining that only PTO Board Members may vote, and that we have enough money to fund all Projects that the Exec Board approved, unanimously or not. Sue Hayes offered to donate a Rapid Response System with 100 pads to the high school. Janice Clark made the suggestion that the Forensics Team come back at the March meeting to reassess their need and visit how much money the PTO has remaining. She also reminded everyone to support the Used Book Sale. The Projects were reviewed and discussed, voting results as follows:

Assembly - \$2400
E-books - \$4411.75 (+ \$2125 from Technology Department)
3 LCD projectors @ \$888 - \$2664
4 Smart Boards @ \$1294 - \$5176
Heat transfer Press - \$850

Senteo Systems 1 @ \$2002.75, 1 @ \$1503 - \$3505.75
iPod Lab - \$5873 (+ \$2125 from Technology Department)
Public Art Club - \$400
Speech and Debate - \$500

Principal's Report: Mr. Fulginiti thanked the PTO for the Projects. He announced that the Course Selection Book for 08-09 will be on-line this year, more information to come. Eileen Bushelow commented that the report cards are not reflecting weighting for marking period Honor Rolls and requested that Honor Rolls not be published until this issue is settled. Mr. Fulginiti commented that this is an item being looked at.

Vice Presidents' Report: Joanne Bates reported that Tammy Everitt is mending, and that the Alumni Reception is on 12/19 in the Lobby from 12:00 to 2:00. She informed everyone that the list is being generated for the Scholarship Fund mailing.

Teacher Representative Report: Mr. Cranston thanked the PTO for the Projects and added that he is a member of the Technology Committee and is sad that the teachers must come to the PTO for money for technology. He suggested that the PTO may want to invite members of the Technology Department to a PTO meeting. Lele Galer suggested that since we are located in the center of a Pharmaceutical area that the PTO could write a lump sum grant to technology corporations and garner local corporate support. Pat Muller suggested the PTO form a sub-committee for grant writing.

Committee Reports:

After Prom: Carolyn Viens announced the committee is looking for people with IT expertise and that they need volunteers. She reminded everyone that there is no meeting in December; the next one is January 8th.

Community Service: Barb LaChance announced that Give-Away Day will be December 15th with 150 bikes and helmets ready to be given away. Coats for the Coat Drive are being collected as well as mittens and hats.

Old Business: Donna Perri displayed samples of Spirit Wear. A motion was made that PTO create a Spirit Wear Committee headed by Donna Perri. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business: Rekha Doraiswamy announced that the student-run organization *Youth to Youth* acts as another vehicle to get kids to make good decisions. It is a year-round program that promotes personal growth, decision making, and positive peer support and culminates in a yearly Youth to Youth Leadership Weekend, this year on January 5-6 at Unionville High School. Rekha urged everyone to send their kids since it is a good way to prepare kids for real world experiences. For information you may contact Sue Siensa at peeroutreach20@hotmail.com.

Meeting adjourned 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Joseph, Recording Secretary