

**Unionville High School PTO  
Meeting Minutes Dec. 8, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. In attendance were: Linda Bowen, Lori Joseph, Katy Donovan, Eileen Bushelow, Joanne Bates, Heidi Brown, Linda Fisher, Robin Kitay, Holly Manzone, Michelle Montgomery, Barbara Guin, Dolores Leiser, Tammy Everitt, Susan Wright, Carol McShane, Alicia DiFelia, Anne Schott, Steven Bowen, Frank Deady, Timitha Trigg

**Minutes:** The Oct. 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 Art Gala came in approximately \$4000 over budget. There were some expenses for Unity/SHOC.

**Guidance Report:** Dr. Deady reported the Shreyer Honors College at Penn State extended its deadline to Dec. 20. Also, the PSAT results are in the building and can be pick-up on Mon. Dec 14 for juniors and Thurs. Dec 17 for sophomores at 6:45. This time of year is very busy for the counseling office. There are approximately 1200 applications or 4/student. The counseling center is going to try an experiment with respect to sending information to the colleges electronically and thru Naviance. There is some concern that some students are too wrapped up in early decision at specific schools. Dr. Deady will send out an email to try and temper this.

**Principal's Report:** Paula Massanari was away at a funeral so there was no principal's report.

**Teacher Rep Report:** Anne Schott reported that everyone seemed to be very diligent about germs and using hand sanitizer. She also reported that the Social Studies department was in the middle of a canned food drive benefiting the Kennett Food Cupboard. She reminded the parents to continue checking SAM since we are at the mid-point of the marking period. She was asked a question about giving the tests back to the students versus just putting the grades on SAM. A second question was asked about a back-up (email or note on the district web page for the rapid dial messages).

**Student Council Representative's Report:** Stephen Bowen reported the powder puff game netted only \$800. The Winter Formal will be held on Jan.9 with a snow date of Jan. 16. The Student Council is working on a philanthropy plan as they have lots of requests. The fall Play was "A Christmas Carol" and was well received. The swim team just started with Ms. Carey as coach.

**Presidents Report:** Eileen Bushelow thanked Joyce Phillips for Curriculum Council, Lele Galer for the Art Gala, Lisa Riondet for the Coat Drive and Kathy Miller for Practice SAT Tests. She also reported that every 5 years the PTO umbrella organization has to renew its PA sales tax exemption at a cost of \$125. Paperless report cards were discussed. Very few parents opted to receive them. With no paper report cards, is SAM just a point in time? Eileen asked everyone to check the district web site and comment on the 2 choices for the district calendar for the next school year. Timitha Trigg stated that she is not sure how the committee was formed to come up with the district calendar.

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

December 23. She will be sending out a letter for food donations. Also, there a Community Scholarship meeting to discuss and refine the formula. The intention is to make the formula more tied to community service and less to GPA and the essay.

### **Committee Reports:**

**After Prom:** Eileen Bushelow reported that things are underway. Dawn Talley has chosen the theme and there will be a decorating meeting coming up soon.

**Art Gala:** Lori Joseph said that there will be a Spring meeting for planning purposes because the Gala is getting so big.

**Curriculum Council:** Joanne Bates stated that there was a meeting last week that broke up into subcommittees based on strategic planning. Holly Manzone stated that FCS, Music, and Art and Science were the topics/groups.

**Community Service:** Eileen Bushelow stated that the coat drive is underway. Mr. Treadway from Tech Ed made signs for the PTO.

**FOCUS:** Eileen Bushelow reported that a roundtable was held that was very successful.

**Practice Tests:** There is another round of practice tests at UHS on Jan 9. There is a form in the Bridge and the last day to sign up is Jan. 6.

**School Board:** Eileen Bushelow reported on recent school board meeting and included her notes. The new board was sworn in on Dec. 3 with Timitha Trigg as the new board president and Corinne Sweeney as vice president. The new committee assignments are:

Communications—Jeff Leiser

Curriculum—Jeff Hellrung

Facilities—Frank Murphy

Finance—Keith Knauss

Policy—Holly Manzone

**Used Book Sale:** Eileen Bushelow reported that volunteers are needed and that Jan. 30 is the community pick-up date.

### **New Business:**

**After Prom:** Michele Montgomery is the treasurer for the after prom. She gave a report on the after prom budget and discussed the main area's of funding.

**Special Vote:** Lori Joseph requested a special vote for projects for gym flooring that will be used for PTO functions like the Book Sale and After Prom for \$835. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

**PTO Meeting:** Eileen Bushelow stated that an extra PTO meeting was added on Tues, Jan. 5 at 7pm in the library. John Sanville, head of secondary education will give a presentation on AP Testing.

**Spaghetti Supper:** Joanne Bates reported that the district has partnered with the United Way to do a spaghetti supper on April 10. It will cost \$10/ adults, \$5/child and \$25/family.

Anyone that is interested should contact Jen DiPillipo in the District Office (jdifilippo@ucfsd.org).

### January Meetings:

Tuesday, Jan 5, 2010 – 7:00pm—Library – General Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 12, 2010—9:15am—LGI—Projects Meeting