

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

Called to Order at 8:50 by Lisa Stafford. Everyone introduced themselves

Secretary – The May minutes were approved as written with one name correction Donna Voneiff

Treasurer - \$27,373.60 is the total income. It was approved. So far \$22,612.00 has been collected for dues and directories. In addition, directory advertising has brought in \$4,750.00. Nancy reported that Dollar for Scholars has a maximum lifetime cap of \$4500. There is really no benefit to PTO. This topic will be addressed in the future.

President – Lisa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She also gave a special thank you gift to Barb Bencur and Kay Gallo for all of their hard work in setting up volunteers for different events. In addition, she gave Donna Voneiff and Cindy McCabe a gift certificate of thanks for working so hard on completing the Directory. Sign-up sheets were passed around to help on a Focus group scheduled for October 9, 2007

Vice President/ Communication – Darla discussed the website. PTO and the school are trying to improve communication with the Hinsdale Central Community. She discussed using I-Contract on a monthly basis until the school's website is up and working. A motion was made to approve a \$49/ month charge to use I-contract to communicate with the parents. The motion was approved.

Directory – Eight-hundred (800) online orders have been submitted thus far; still receiving forms in the mail.

Advertising: Twenty (20) pages of ads are being put in the Directory. \$4,800 in income has been received.

Teacher Appreciation – New Committee for the general morale of Teachers was approved. The purpose of the committee is to “Just Say Thanks” to all the teachers in the building. The morale has been low and we want to make sure the teachers feel appreciated. Committee is developing the ideas. One idea is the “Wall of Acknowledgement” like the rock at Northwestern. The program would be based on student recommendations. A Teacher Appreciation Week is also a possibility.

Holiday Breakfast – Tina Anderson explained what is involved with Holiday Breakfast. The date of the breakfast is December 20, 2007. She sent around a sign-up sheet.

Book Grant – Carol Wroble explained Book Grants. We discussed a student now requesting her book grant of \$800 from 2005. A motion was made and approved that the Book Grants Committee will have the authority to make decisions on a case by case basis.

Newsletter – Laura Snedeker stated that the 15th of every month is the deadline for submittal of information for the newsletter.

Social – Nothing to report until the Spring. The date for 8th grade coffee is May 8, 2008.

Character Counts- Laurita Panagoulas explained the job description of her committee.

Safety and By-laws - Janet Perry asked that people bring and safety issues to her attention. Things have improved, but there is more work to be done.

All American Read Week - Charmaine explained that Myles Laffy was organizing some wonderful events that will occur in the fall.

Make A Difference – Marcy Innocenti explained her committee - ¼ nominations from Parents, Student and Teachers.

Publicity – Karen Baiocchi and Liz Musch introduced themselves

PEP – Parents Empowering Parents – Annette McClain could not be at the meeting. Lisa read a letter from Annette. She stated that Eric Mueller would be the speaker on September 27 at 6:30 in the Community Room. The speaker for October 18 is Char Wenc. This meeting will also be in the Community Room at 6:30. She requested that the PTO fund a part of the speaker fee. This amount would be \$125. We agreed to release the funds if she needs it. Jeanne Osgood also stated that HMS is having an excellent speaker on January 30, 2008.

Freshman Parent Circles – Sandi Arenberg reported that invitations will be sent out for the parties that are scheduled for the month of October.

Class Representatives- The parent representative acts like a sounding board for the class board. Paula had no report. Kathy Andrews, senior class representative, has no report.

Middle School Representative:

Butler: No report

CHMS: New Principal; 800 students; parent portal is up and running

HMS: New Principal; parent portal up and running

Westview: New Principal; Apple award

Saint Isaac Jogues: Homecoming coming up on September 23, eighth grade parent meeting at my house on September 17th; working on making some major changes.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m. for Nick Wahl's presentation, Student Support Service Team and Kevin Pobst

Have a good day,
Mary Buddig, Secretary