

## **HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – February 25 2008**

**Called to Order** at 8:50 by Lisa Stafford.

**President** – Lisa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Teachers and Adm that attended meeting were Mrs. Pam Kalafut and Mr. Victor Varsberg. Read a thank you letter from Skip Begley; there will be a Naviance training session the day of Parent -Teacher Conferences; Mary Kate Doyle is coming to speak during Conversation with Kevin Pobst; Gayle Brankin is retiring after this year.

Lisa asked for a motion to approve paying Amy Hucek for the PTO logo. A motion was made to pay Amy Hucek \$250 for the logo and the motion was approved.

PAT On the Back was given the Laurie McMahon for typing the bylaws for the website.

Need to vote on Post Proms request for a \$500 increase. We decided as a group to keep it at \$1500.

**Secretary-** The January minutes were approved with two corrections.

**Treasurer** – see report ;

**Vice President/ Communication** – website is completed. Darla asked for approval to pay her \$200 for the website. The motion to pay the fee was approved. If anyone has any interest in taking over the website, call or email Darla. Darla is reviewing the form for Make A Difference. Also, there was a suggestion to put a link on the Hinsdale Central website for the PTO's website

**Guidance:** Carol Wroble stated that the Guidance Process starts again on Feb. 26, 2008. If anyone has any suggestions, please email Carol at [cswroble@comcast.net](mailto:cswroble@comcast.net)

Some suggestions given during the meeting:

Parents: Calls, customer standards, emails, expectations

Counselor: how to protect them from badgering parents

Send out a checklist from guidance about what needs to be done for students in Ed Services.

Guidance is really lacking in this area.

**Teacher Appreciation** – Joanne Cascio was unable to make meeting; Lisa reported that everyone should look on the website and find out when your student's teachers' birthday are and send a note.

May 5-9 is Teacher's Appreciation Week; Have something on the sign outside: "We love our Teachers." Mrs. Kalafut said that the atmosphere has improved greatly; we must keep working together. It was suggested that Mr. Pobst send out an email to the students about Teacher Appreciation Week.

**Holiday Breakfast** – Holiday Breakfast great job

**School Board Liaison:** Everyone must fill out the surveys. Talk to your graduates and friends to get the word out.

**All American Read Week:** Vicki Bush-Joseph and Karen Altergott are working with the Kathy Krepps and Myles Laffey; In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, the library is having some of the cast from Seussical perform. The library is asking us to underwrite the books at a cost of \$219. A motion was made to pay the cost out of the general fund. The motion was approved.

They are also asking us to help with a Coffee on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-9. The social committee will work with Vicki and Karen to get this done.

**Safety & Bylaws:** Discusses the drop-off; the cross walks; an over-pass was denied because of cost and logistics.

**Character Counts:** Laurita asked for the \$500 budget for Aspire Breakfast. She will be contacting Kay Gallo for volunteers for the April 10, 2008 @ 7-7:45 breakfast.

**Make A Difference:** No report

**Book Grant** – Working with Guidance to get applications out earlier. Carol Wroble is working with Ann Scott and Pat Huebner.

**Newsletter** – No reports

**PEP – Parents Empowering Parents** – No report

**Social** –Helping Read Across America group

**Publicity** – No report;

**Volunteers** –

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Coffee:** Planning has begun; the breakfast is May 8<sup>th</sup> for the incoming freshmen parents. We need everyone to be there to meet and greet.

No other reports were given

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Mary Buddig, Secretary