

Rocky River High School PTA
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2009

President: Ann Stemen: Ann welcomed the PTA and the freshman parents. Two committees are without a chair ~ Staff Recognition and Hospitality. Both committees have budget money available. The RRHS Open House is on Thursday, September 17. The PTA will provide refreshments in the library and ask parents to join and fill out the membership form. Additionally parents will be asked to sign up online for the Heinens Rewards program.

2nd Vice President: Debra Bernard: Mrs. Bernard introduced Megan Rose the new assistant principal at the high school. Mrs. Rose is a 1993 graduate of RRHS. She has been a teacher for 11 years and is very appreciative of the efforts of the PTA. Mrs. Bernard spoke about the improvements done by the Beautification Committee lead by Maren Titmas. The courtyard has a pirate logo and additional tables and umbrellas provided for the students to use during lunch. The Professional Learning Community is a building goal and will be utilized on Wednesday mornings this year. The students will have an hour late start during the school year. The PLC program will provide the school an opportunity for internet safety programs, fundraiser information and make up work for missed test and quizzes. Mrs. Bernard is working on a freshman mentoring program for the fall of 2010. She reported that the partnership with LCCC continues and they have added a science unit and exploring a social studies unit. Student Council is two weeks away from Homecoming festivities. She is very impressed with the talent and leadership of the student council. Greek is the theme for this year. The pep rally is being moved to the football field. The Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 17 and the teachers are looking forward to the evening. She announced an email notification system for parents informed about events at the schools. To sign up, go to www.rrcs.org and click on "email notification" on the left navigation bar.

Treasurer: Tracy Blossey: Tracy reported the audit was completed by Shannon Cain, Dianna Foley and Mike Foley. Diane Beer made a motion to accept the audit. It was seconded by Lori Poe. The motion passed. Tracy reviewed the budget for the 2009 / 2010 school year. The budget is

comparable to last year. Donna Fitzsimmons made a motion to accept the budget. Kim Pease seconded the motion. The motion passed.

1st Vice President: Diane Beer: Diane received the keys to the off site storage units. She is working with Deb Fury, President of PTA Council, on a policy to allow PTA members the opportunity to borrow the items.

Recording Secretary: Sheri Swartz: No Report

Corresponding Secretary: Jackie Kinsley: No Report

Council Delegate: Gwen Paull: Gwen attended the first PTA Council meeting on September 8 and reported that Dr. Shoaf discussed the goals for the year. He distributed the strategic plan. The council also discussed the Homecoming Dinner. Each PTA is being asked to sell \$50.00 in tickets. The Homecoming Dinner form is online.

Committee Reports:

- a. Beautification ~ Maren Titmas is looking for additional ideas.
- b. Fruit Sale ~ Gwen Paull will chair the sale. More details later.
- c. Grocery Rewards: Megan Junke reported the GFS give 1% back to the schools in sales. Henriens provides a rewards program and shoppers must reregister this year for program.
- d. Membership ~ Nancy Hanson reported \$400.00 in scholarships and 144 members.
- e. Sophomore Class Sale ~the fundraiser is designed around the sophomores providing a service and earning money. Each student is being asked to earn \$20.00.
- f. Spirit Run ~ the race is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th. The PTA receives half of the proceeds. 10 PTA members are needed to volunteer the morning of the race.
- g. Staff Recognition ~ open; needs a chair.
- h. Hospitality ~ open; needs a chair.
- i. Open House ~ the refreshments will be provided in the library.

Unfinished Business: no unfinished business

New Business:

- a. Funds Request ~ Ann spoke to the teachers about the availability of PTA funds. She received two request - The forensics group requested funds in a written letter. Ann will ask the forensic group for additional information prior to making a decision on their request. A second letter came from the guidance department requesting money to purchase spirit wear for new students to the high school. Denise Armstrong made a motion to donate \$250.00 for spirit wear t-shirts for new students. Bobby Van Atta seconded the motion. The motion passed. Debra Bernard will match the \$250.00.
- b. Seminar Day ~ Ann spoke about teaching independent living skills to the students in the spring. The day needs volunteers and would have various stations of learning.

Announcements:

- a. What Kids Need to Succeed - Saturday, October 10. Look on the web page for details.
- b. Boosters: Kim Pease continues to recruit volunteers for the concession stand. Every child benefits from the money raised by the boosters.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17 @1:00 pm in the Pirate's Cove.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheri Swartz
Recording Secretary