

# Prospect High School PTSA

## Minutes for January 13, 2009

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Liz James

The meeting began with introductions around the table. Several teachers were in attendance to present their wishes for mini-grants. The presentations were moved to the front of the meeting so the teachers would be able to leave at their leisure.

Teacher Requests for Mini-Grants:

**Joan Antony, Science:** Requesting \$150 for a printer/scanner that uses less ink than the one that is currently being used. It was suggested that someone may have a used one or would like to donate one and that a note on school loop can be posted. Staples was suggested as a place of purchase as they give discounts to teachers.

**Marissa Potts, English:** Requesting \$295 for purchase of 30 copies of the book Thief, by Markus Zusak. The book would be used in her English 2 Honors class. The story tells of the plight of the Jews during the time of Nazi Germany.

**Christine Berube, Health:** Requesting money for media on bullying. She is still researching the cost, but expects it to be ~\$25 per video. Challenge Day, an organization that provides workshops to promote tolerance and celebrates diversity, was mentioned as it was discussed at a school site meeting. The cost of the workshops is high, however.

**Mark Fisher, Art:** Requesting \$92 plus tax and shipping for 24 bib aprons for the students to use during class. Currently they are using old shirts but these wear out and are not as durable as the bib aprons. Mr. Fisher also mentioned that Prospect was coordinating the district art show and was requesting some funds, however it was pointed out to him that there was already \$250 in the budget for the art show.

Additional requests were submitted that include a boombox for Laura Burnell, Special Education, (a request that was made and approved before, but never spent). Sue Brown, Special Education, was requesting an inFocus projector for her room.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Christine Berube to accept the minutes of the Nov 18, 2008 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Linda Neuman. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Cindy reported a balance of \$17,150.52. Cindy pointed out that we were \$1500 over our estimated income from membership and this can be applied to the shortfall we are realizing in donations for the mini-grants. The teacher breakfast

is included in the budget and a time needs to be set for the event. It was thought that the first week of the new semester would be a good time. Tue 1/27 or Fri 1/30 were presented as possibilities.

**Student Report**

- No report.
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**Teacher's Report**

- Staff Sweatshirt drive is successful with an 80% participation.
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**Principal's Report**

- The Fall sports award dinner was well attended with about 270 people attending.
- About 33 families showed up at the open house. Not quite as many as the first open house, but it was still a worthwhile event.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night will be on Feb 23 at 6:30. Hospitality is needed and set-up time will be at 6:00. This event is timed with the counselors visit to the middle schools.
- Feb 2 is AP info night. This is timed with the counselor's visit to the sophomore classrooms. This event will begin at 6:30 with an all-together session and then split up into smaller groups in the classrooms. Hospitality is needed. It was mentioned that dinner was provided the last time for the teachers that stay after school for this event.
- Star testing is coming up. Snacks and gift certificates were provided by the PTSA in the past and is budgeted. A list of volunteers to help out with this was gleaned from the membership forms.
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**District Rep Report**

- No report.

**OLD BUSINESS****Grad Night Mishaps**

- We have a court date on Thu 1/15 at 1 PM. Linda Neuman will be representing the PTSA and will report the outcome at the next meeting. The PTSA expressed appreciation to Linda for taking this issue on.

**NEW BUSINESS****Nominating Committee/Planning for PTSA Board and Committee Positions 09/10**

- Cindy is "graduating" so the PTSA will be looking for a treasurer. Liz mentioned that Rob, her husband, would be willing to take over the treasury.
- Liz will rotate to another board position (maybe secretary).
- Carl is "graduating".
- Louise Henderson offered to do the membership again.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Grad Night**

- Plans are moving along with parents working Shark games to raise money.
- Invites were mailed out to seniors.
- This year they will be selling tickets online.
- Thinking of inviting junior parents to help out so that they can get an idea of fundraising and planning.
- Meetings are on the first Monday of the month.

**Middle School**

- Home and School club looking into re-writing by-laws due to the “merger” of the two organizations.
- Turns out that the Moreland Middle School and Prospect High School graduations are on the same day. May need some coordination to avoid overlap for parents who are in both schools.

Lucky scrip cards are here (finally) and can be picked up in the office.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Yanari  
Prospect High PTSA Secretary