

Prospect High School PTSA

Minutes for February 10, 2009

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Vice-President Linda Neuman

Linda explained that President Liz James was unable to attend and was asked to preside over the meeting.

Minutes: A motion was made by Cindy Collins to accept the minutes of the Jan 13, 2008 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Sue Redhead. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Cindy reported a balance of approximately \$20,200. Income included sales of prospect ware offset by funds to increase the T-shirt inventory. Money from Lucky and Nob Hill was deposited. Grad night paid back the \$2500 loan from last year that was provided as a bridge loan to help make up the money that was lost to RSVP. Even though we have not raised the budgeted amount for the mini-grants, there is money to cover the requests that have come in. We will probably end up with an "overage" at the end of the year for some last minute spending.

Student Report

- No report.
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Teacher's Report

- Working on WASC reports.
- The teachers thank the PTSA for the delicious breakfast at the beginning of the semester.
- TOPS is up and running and provides peer to peer help where needed.
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Principal's Report

- Planned a recognition for students who had perfect attendance and also those who had at least a 3.5 GPA.
- Held an AP info night with about 70 people in attendance.
- Three teachers will be going to a one day seminar on AP subjects. This is being paid for by district GATE funds.
- Ms Ahmed will be taking over the AP Calculus class after Mr Sanders retires.
- Eight teachers (AVID and non-AVID) are going to an AVID workshop.
- Winter sports is wrapping up. Prospect will probably be league champs in wrestling. Boys soccer and girl's basketball are going to the playoffs.
- WASC is coming for a visit and Diane Burbank will be visiting Encinal high in Alameda as part of a WASC team.
- Programming for next year is going on.

District Rep Report

- Starting an adult mentor program at Del Mar. If it is successful, the program will be tried at other district schools.
- Budget is in a state of flux. The district may not get hit as hard as others due to our basic aide status. The property tax revenue is holding steady for now. No current plans to close any schools.
- Del Mar is looking into Challenge Day (organization that provides workshops to promote tolerance and celebrates diversity). Information will be passed onto Prospect.

OLD BUSINESS

Donation Drive

- Waiting for receipts so that teachers can be paid their grants.
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Grad Night Mishaps

- RSVP did not show up for their day in court.
- Judge said that RSVP was in court about every other month and there are many judgments against them.
- We were requesting \$3500 and the judge awarded \$4517 with a “good luck collecting” remark.
- Options for collection. Go to a collection agency? Some will take a % of award, others will charge a flat fee.
- RSVP has already declared bankruptcy before to escape creditors.
- Suggested that other “free” choices should be taken like “7 on your side” or Action Line.

NEW BUSINESS

Eighth Grade Night

- Planned for February 23 at 6:30 PM.
- PTSA will have a table and provide hospitality (volunteers will be asked to bake). There was a suggestion to hand out Lucky cards.
- Program will include a presentation with time to mingle and view the tables before and after.
- There will be a “road show” to the middle schools later in that week and counselors will follow after that to assist in programming.
- Another meeting is planned for the Spring that will include a panel of 9th graders.

Scholarships

- Scholarship will be like in the past and awarded based on school service. Not just ASB, but in other areas as well.
- There was some discussion on whether some scholarship can be provided to the special needs students.
- Need to let all teachers know that the scholarship is for all students.
- Scholarship will be awarded at the Grand Awards scheduled for May 28.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grad Night

- Going OK. Fundraising is going well. Tickets for the event are being sold already. Trying to recruit Junior parents to give them a preview of what to expect for next year. Next meeting is on Mar 2.

Middle School

- Currently there is no “road show” scheduled for EDS.
- Newsletter went out with an announcement for the open house at Prospect.
- Prospect music department is planning on performing at the middle school.
- There will be a vote by mail parcel tax in April or May for the Moreland School District.

Collating

- Scheduled for February 25.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Yanari
Prospect High PTSA Secretary