

Minutes for
Tappan Zee High School PTSA
Executive Committee Meeting: - TZHS Library
March 21, 2011

1. Call to Order - 7:37pm

2. Principal's Report - Jennifer Amos

- Ust of Dates Handed out
- Blood Drive successful. Results: 157 Fall + 174 Spring = 321.
- Lydia's closet - Donated Prom Dresses. Discussion - can we do that @ TZHS? Church in New City manages it (Grace Presbryterian) Pam McWilliams may be person to contact. Lord & Taylor has program on April 9th which offers discounts if you are buying a dress. Jennifer Amos will reach out to Amy Rosenthal, sr. class advisor to see **if** last year's class is interested in donating.
- Graduation tickets - Q: How many? A: Typically 3 per graduate. '
- Prom to be held at Rockleigh Country Club
- TV Production - Proposal for students to tape PTA presentations to link on web for community access.

3. Treasurer's Report - Kathy Mart

- No major changes. Currently \$1,700 in Scholarship account.

4. Acceptance of Minutes - Laura Neuendorf

- Discussion of minutes. Add Treasurer's report (it was left off), and add announcement of Town of Orangetown Substance Abuse Task Force, looking for volunteer.
Motion: To accept minutes as amended - 1st: Mary Paul, 2nd: Jane Casey. Vote: approved.

5. President's Report - Mary Paul/Trish Bakker

- Follow-up regarding behavior of large amount of students at Louie's Ice Cream. Students have been better, crowd has been more controlled. CL students have been dissuaded from going there, police presence was there on Friday.
Mary Paul spoke with DARE Officer Kopenek & businesses in area. Waiting to hear back about a potential meeting. Businesses nervous about spring coming because of potentially hurting business. Crowd now moving into Lion's Park.
- Teenage anxiety & depression speaker to come to TZ on 3/29. Presented by SOCASA and Clarkstown School District.
- Budget Forum - Last Wednesday 3/16. Morning presentation not as well attended as evening. Evening presentation well attended. George Brady taped the presentation but not on web yet. However the slideshow is on the web for review.
Budget = Proposed 2.18% increase.
- Virtual Lobby Day 3/22. Send postcards (handed out at meeting) or call. Send e-mails to Legislator. Go on NYSPTA.org for more information. Trying to get NYS Budget passed by April 1st, or during 1st week of April.
- Project Graduation:
Signed contract. Facebook voting? "Like/unlike" Committee has had big response so far for monetary donations: \$3,100. and gift certificates for raffles at event.
South Orangetown Education Foundation donating \$2,500 to event.
Next Meeting: upcoming Wednesday at 10:30. Only students that have an open period can attend. (Some confusion about last meeting - students were getting out of class to attend)
Design for Shirts to be chosen at the meeting. June Balloons announcement to get out.
Compiling list for volunteers. Late april, Early May is when Roseanne gives lists.

- Scholarship:
Trying to raise funds: Selling water at Dance Festivals; Sending out donation letter "piggy-backed" in a TZHS mailing and running a Buffet Dinner at Del' Arte.
"Girl's Night Out" Dinner - April 5th at 7pm. Restaurant charging \$20., cost to attend \$30. ~
If everyone brought 3 people we can fill the restaurant. Ask units to send out invite, send to E-News. Denise to blast e-mail to members.
- Nominating Committee:
Members: Michelle Jones, Jane Casey, Elyane Armanianco, Mary Beth Carley, Kathy Mart.
To meet and form the slate for next year.

6. Committee Reports

PTA Council:

- o SEPTA is disbanding their own PTA Unit. Units at all levels asked if they would form and support a "Special Ed Committee" to represent needs of Special Ed Children that have previously been addressed by SEPTA.
Judy Hurban made motion to form "Special Ed Committee" at TZHS PTSA level. 2nd motion: Trish Bakker. Discussion of issue. Vote: Unanimously approved.

Membership:

- o 298 Members (61 of them staff) Happy to report BOE, Lynn Gorey, Dr. Mitchell are members to name a few administrators.

Relections:

- o 2 SOMS Entries placed

WeUness:

- o Revisiting new Federal Guidelines. "Child Healthy Nutrition Act.

7. New Business

April 14th, 5:30pm: Board of Regents to review new standards. Possibly add 4 years of math requirement for HS graduation. Focus on English and Math.

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April 25th Bullying Symposium @ Ramapo College.

Adjournment: 1st Motion: Denise MaGuire, 2nd Motion: Kathy Mart

Next Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2011