

BETHPAGE HIGH SCHOOL
PTSA MEETING
May 1, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Co-President Roxanne Ong with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Karen DeMairo and seconded by Kathy Chiddo. Motion accepted.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: *The balance on hand as of April 30, 2007 was \$4,287.44*

President's Report: *Kitty reviewed various items:*

- *Handouts from Council Meeting: Cyber Language, Alcoholism & Young Kids, Family Talk & Internet Smarts*
- *Recognition of Membership: handout out pens to everyone. Parents of seniors with no other children in school received a thank you and a plant.*
- *Reminder to please vote for the budget on May 15th*
- *National Missing Children Day May 25th*

Roxanne reviewed the following items:

- *Teacher Appreciation May 9th: Drop off items at 9:30am. For food donations please put in 3 trays to ensure the various lunch periods have food available.*
- *Bethpage Wear will be sold at budget vote, if you can help out please let Debbie Marmorale know.*
- *Book Sale taking place on Budget Vote Day, if you can help please let Roxanne know.*
- *Senior Awards taking place on May 23rd. We will be serving snacks. If you can help please let Susan Marconi or Janet Lyle know.*
- *Question: Janet Lyle asked if Mrs. Marcis can use the PTA's coffee pot for the bake-off she holds at the budget vote. Issue is the coffee pot is broken. Karen Szczesny offered the coffee pot from the Dads' Club.*

Principal's Report: *Mr. DeTommaso distributed the May calendar. He thanked those that read for scholarships. AP exams begin the week of May 7th and last for two weeks. May is a very busy month.*

- *Newsday putting lots of information out in the months of May and June. College is very competitive. We have been talking about this for the last few years. We offer 16 AP classes. Academic rigor is very important.*

- *Safety & Security: We are examining this all the time. After Virginia Tech incident, a meeting was called that Monday. It took 2 hours to talk through all the students with the faculty. Met with security staff. Stewart Avenue and pool entrances will be locked at 8:15AM.*
- *Sr. Week has changed and we are always looking to improve.*
- *Jr. Prom: Mr. DeTommaso has written a letter to parents the last two years explaining it is a dance and down playing the need to buy gowns, rent tuxedos and buses/limos. The 1st year 40% of the attendees wore suits/dresses and very few buses/limos were hired to take the kids to the prom. The 2nd year there was no buses/limos hired to take the kids to the prom. Five buses and one limo picked up students at the end of the prom to take them to various locations. 35% wore suits and 45% wore dresses. At prom kids are fantastic. We will look at this event again and discuss at PTA meetings and with site-based team to see if there are other options.*

Teacher's Report: *Mr. Whittemore shared the following messages from the faculty:*

- *Vera Fickelberg was a finalist in the Teddy Roosevelt Contest.*
- *Art exhibit taking place in the school.*
- *Math Fair results. We won gold, silver and silver.*
- *CW Post Art Show – we had a winner*

Council Report: *All items already covered*

Site Based Report: *No report – meeting next week*

Old Business:

- *Relay for Life being held on June 2nd – get a team together!*
- *Thank you to Linda Mangano and Jeanne Paff for reading Sr. Awards*
- *PTA Dinner – June 4th. Drop checks/forms into PTA mailbox*
- *New Site Based rep – we have one application and need one more*
- *Membership Chairperson: Jeanne Paff to continue but needs someone to help. Liz Cotton volunteered.*

New Business:

- *Question asked about the new fence that was added to entrance to the football field. You can't get through if you are handicapped. Mr. DeTommaso was going to look into it.*
- *Happy Birthday to Roxanne and Kitty!*
- *New executive board list provided with names and address to be submitted to Regional Director by Recording Secretary.*
- *Next PTA meeting taking place on June 5th – 7:30PM, Executive Board only (incoming and out going)*

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm