

Hillsdale High School (HHS)
Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO)
Meeting of the General Membership -- Monday, December 11, 2006

Call to Order/Introductions (Liz Wiegand): The meeting of the General Membership was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Program: The meeting opened with a performance of holiday music by the Chamber Choir, which held two performances over the previous weekend. Led by **Mark Fish**, Vocal Music Director, they perform a Winter Choral Concert on Dec 13, 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church (Alameda and 28th Ave.).

Approval of Minutes (Alison Nyberg): The minutes of the November 13, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report (Toni Johnson): For the period of 11/11/2006 - 12/10/2006, the opening balance was \$13,711; the closing balance was \$12,637. Disbursements included \$500 for HIT; \$120 to AKOTT; \$500 to the Science department; \$50 for photocopy expenses. It was **MSP (Moved, Seconded, and Passed)** to approve the report. It was **MSP** to release \$1,500 from Technology to acquire video equipment (projectors, screens) for use by teachers and the Career Center.

President's Report (Liz Wiegand): There was no meeting this month. Liz plans to attend the Board of Trustees meeting on Dec 14.

Principal's Report (Yvonne Shiu)

- Site Council meets on January 22 at 3:30 p.m., Room 110/210 to review options for continuing support of SLC at HHS. All are welcome to attend.
- The teacher's union is set to approve a vote of "no confidence" in Superintendent Samuel Johnson, Jr. and Associate Superintendent Ethel Konopka. At issue are the ongoing budget problems and contract negotiations. In spite of this level of frustration at the District level, HHS administration and faculty continue to have a positive working relationship.
- Finals are scheduled for Dec 15 - Dec 20. Winter Break runs from Dec 21 through Jan 8. Students return on Jan 9. Grades will be submitted in January after teachers return from Winter Break.
- Seniors are looking for ways to raise money for Prom and Graduation. Graduation will cost \$6,500.

AKOTT - A Knight On The Telephone (Denise Kubick, Nancy Venezia)

AKOTT continues to receive donations. To date \$27,369 has been collected from 230 families, still about \$12,000 short of goal. An additional \$1,000 in pledges is outstanding. Follow-up letters are going out to collect pledges. The list of AKOTT donors will be distributed to the Boosters groups so they can verify their respective members have donated. Reserved seats for Graduation will be auctioned. Local businesses traditionally solicited for AKOTT will be approached for donations.

Drama Boosters (Debra Donoghue): (www.hillsdalehigh.com/organizations/drama_boosters.html)

Thanks to PTSO and AKOTT for ongoing support of Drama. Update on Drama activities: (1) Replaced the cyclorama (the large backdrop that hangs upstage) after it was damaged during construction; (2) Installed a display case in the lobby of the Little Theater; (3) Made electrical improvements in the lobby of the LT; (4) HIT benefit raised \$3,500; (5) Spring Play auditions will be held in January.

Music Boosters: (www.hillsdalehigh.com/organizations/music_boosters.html)

Upcoming performances: Jazz Band - Dec 12, Little Theater; Winter Choral Concert - Dec 13, Grace Lutheran Church; Winter Instrumental Concert - Dec 15, Auditorium. In addition, Wind Ensemble performed at the CSM Winter Concert on Dec 10. The Music/Dance Departments spring tour is in final planning stages. The Tour is scheduled for Mar 29 through April 1.

Athletics Boosters (www.hillsdalehigh.com/organizations/athletic_boosters.html)

The Ultimate Tailgate Party, Friday, Feb 2, 2007 is SOLD OUT! Current topics of Athletics discussion include the new scoreboard (donated and received, but not yet installed); increasing booster's support for team uniforms, particularly for cheerleaders; adding a 'garage sale' to the annual Car Show held in September.

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Faculty Report (Greg Jouriles) - Everyone is preparing for finals. Most of the sophomore class has completed their Golding Trial exercises. Teachers continue to meet every Wednesday to discuss issues and develop solutions.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

The Scroll: Zeeve Rose (business manager), Tony Mueller (advisor), and the editorial staff for *The Scroll*, the HHS newspaper, requested financial assistance to support this year's publication. At stake is the ability to meet its 2006-2007 commitment to publish two issues -- one in the winter and one in the spring (traditionally the "senior edition"). In addition, the paper would like to send staff to the Journalism Education Association Convention. There are 25 students on staff. In the past, support has come from the Principal's Fund. However due to District budget cuts, this year's funding was cut in half. It was *MSP* to approve a \$500 gift to *The Scroll*. Funds were *MSP* for release from Student Enrichment.

Mock Trial: Greg Jouriles (advisor and coach), requested financial assistance to support team expenses. These include out of pocket expenses incurred by the coaches for training materials, supplies, tools, and travel. In previous years Mock Trial has received support from the Principal's Fund, however this year the Fund is limited. The 19 team members are expected to bear the cost of courtroom apparel and travel expenses for scrimmages. Over the past twelve years, the team has placed very well in state competitions (*knock on wood*). It was *MSP* to approve a \$500 gift to Mock Trial. Funds were *MSP* for release from Student Enrichment.

Closing: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting: January 08, 2007, Room 110, 7 p.m.

Reminder: February meeting is changed to February 5, 2007, due to a conflict with Eighth Grade Parent Night on February 12.

Respectfully submitted:

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