

**Minutes of the Hill Middle School PTSA
January 5, 2010**

Call to Order: Jody Eriksen called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Attendance: Marcy Reeb, Laura Falk, Lisa Reinke, Kelly Reilly, Jody Eriksen, Anne Ruden, Allan Davenport, Cari Shanahan, Char Freedlund

Minutes: December 2009 minutes approved as read.

Communications: Several thank-you notes from the holiday goodies were received by the PTSA.

Membership Report: Currently there are 1002 members. There are 10 corrections for the school directory and it was decided to send out the list of those in the Hill daily announcements. Al will talk to Diane about doing this.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Apparel Sales:** Profit of \$32.55 against budget of \$2500.00. Several reasons for this include: no gym t-shirts this year, grey hoodies didn't sell well, re-ordering issue of large quantities and we currently have a lot of unsold inventory. Discussion of sales-generating ideas included: tables at additional school events, talk with previous apparel chairs for their input, pre-orders only taken at registration (with August delivery of items), and contacting elementary schools for upcoming 5th grade events to sell apparel. The only new items for fall will be 2 Hill t-shirts (red & blue) and 2 hoodies; we will then clearance shorts and pj pants. In future we will need to scale down amount of inventory we carry and will also look into any necessary price adjustments.
- **Craft Fair:** Most expenses are in and current profits stands at \$5134.93 (vs. budgeted \$5400).
- **Checkbook Balance: \$12, 958.00**
- Quickbooks is up and running well.

Student Council Report: No representative available.

Administration Report:

- Ms. Stoehrmann is back from maternity leave; Mr. Kelsey is currently on paternity leave.
- Hill was recently recognized at one of 200 schools in the state for PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention.
- 8th grade graduation dance date will be set by the end of the week; possibility of moving on ceremonies and dance on same date due to school calendar.
- A Hill representative visited the assembly group, Boom Troop, and is looking to book the group either 2/5 or 2/17. Assembly will focus around anti-bullying theme. Looking at 3 shows with a cost of around \$1000-1100. It was suggested that we provide lunch for the troop and Lisa Reinke volunteered to call Jersey Mike's Subs to see if they will donate lunch on selected date.
- Al will be starting the rounds at elementary schools to discuss elective sign-ups (6th & 7th graders will receive information on January 11).
- Published Metea articulation dates for incoming freshman are incorrect and have been taken off the website; information should be available by January 19.
- Extended School Day for at-risk students will begin January 25. Currently 48 students have been invited and Hill will be partnering with North Central College students who will receive credit for helping to teach during the Monday & Wednesday dates. An activity bus will also be available for these students during the program session.

- A new school project of personal shields will be sent home with students to decorate with pictures/words/symbols to show how they will treat others as well as a space to put their personal motto. Shields will be put up around the school and a \$15 subway card for each grade will be awarded in a raffle for all returned shields.

Presidents Report:

- Nominating committee for President/Vice-President is being sought. Jody asked all present at meeting to suggest names of potential members for this exciting and vital committee.
- By-laws update: Cari Shanahan, Julie Cooley and Debora Garcia will be meeting and going through changes on by-laws and will be in place by the last PTSA meeting in May.
- Variety Show-Discussion about changing from 2 daytime shows to 1 evening performance due to time away from classes for participating students. Looking at March 12 as possible date with April 9 as back-up. Al will check school calendar and be in touch with Laura Falk on selected date.

Standing Committee:

- Career Day Update: Kelly Reilly reported that Career Day will be on March 18. There are 36 confirmed speakers with an additional 5-6 unconfirmed. Speakers include a former NFL player, District 204 IT specialist, and an ER doctor. Additional volunteers for that day to help out may be needed.

New Business: Lisa Reinke offered to chair the Spring Flower Sale again and will look into order dates. This year we will only take pre-orders for baskets and potted plants to avoid and unsold inventory.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Char Freedlund, PTSA Secretary