

Greece Odyssey PTSA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date March 20, 2008

Attendance: Gary Elling, Ann Davis, Tina Karol, Geri Johnson, Lisa Christoffel, Ron Meyers, Doris Bubie, Laurie Fessler, Marybeth Patton, Linda Kistler, Bruce Katz, Bob Booth, Sharon Alston, Marianne Twait, Nancy Nasca

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order a 7:05PM by Lisa Christoffel, PTSA President.

Minutes from the 2/6/08 PTSA meeting were reviewed, and approved unanimously

Principal's Report: [\(submitted by Sue Meier, ready by PTSA President, Lisa Christoffel in Sue Meier's absence with explanations by Marybeth Patton, teacher](#)

- **WISK Day is scheduled for April 3- Grades 6-9 No school**
 - Grade 10- will meet with a college rep**
 - Grade 11 students will meet with a college rep as well as observe a senior during the ESK presentations**
 - Grade 12 – will meet with a career rep and present their ESK (Exhibition of Self Knowledge) to staff and parents**
- **There will be no shadowing for 10 gr. Students in 2008-2009 school; shadowing day will be held in the 11th grade starting next year.**
- **The “Gown Gallery” organized by Sue Klein was attended by a few people despite the snowstorm that morning (Mar.8). Three of the 24 dresses displayed found a new home; the rest of the gowns were donated to the Fairy Godmothers Group, an organization that provides young women the opportunity to find a formal dress at no charge. Thanks Sue for organizing this for our students!**
- **MS Strings Festival will be held 3/25 at Arcadia HS- you must have a ticket for admission**
- **Sports Boosters is sponsoring a pasta dinner on Thurs. 3/27 from 5-7:30pm. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6.00 per person of \$25/family of 4 or more.**

- **Natural Helpers Retreat went very well. A question was asked regarding the selection process for the program. Students are selected by the peers via a questionnaire given out in September.**
- **The 8th grade Washington trip is scheduled for 4/22/08- one of the main attractions will be the Holocaust exhibit.**
- **The IB Assessments have begun**
- **Vocal and instrumental musical groups will be going to Darien Lake 5/17 for competitions at the local high school and free time at the park.**
- **Early dismissal days for middle school students are scheduled for 5/29, 6/2, 6/3 to accommodate high school testing schedule.**
- **Final exams for high school are: 6/20, 6/23, 6/24**

Treasurer's Report: (Tina Karol):

- **Treasurer's report was shared and distributed for review.**
- **Grades are encouraged to use their allotted funds for appropriate programs before school year's end**
- **The 2nd installment of PTSA dues were sent to the National PTSA**
- **Grants to grades – slated amounts will be given to each grade**
- **Poetry Slam request for funds was discussed- suggestion was made to lower the grand prize amount and give more smaller amounts prizes; perhaps gift cards to Barnes & Noble or a recognition award instead of cash prizes.**
- **A request for funds for \$1194 for the Blank book project was made. It was decided that monies from the discretionary fund will be used to cover the balance. A line item in the future will be used for the blank books.**

President's Report (Lisa Christoffel):

- **Reported that the district will make two 2008-2009 budget presentations on 4/10 and 4/24.**
- **The By-Laws are due for updating this year; the By-Laws committee members are Gale O'Toole, Lisa White, Nancy Nasca.**

Vice-Presidents Report (Gary Elling):

- **The next PTA Council meeting will be held on 3/27/08 at 6:30 pm.**
- **Final PTSA membership dues are due today 3/20/08.**
- **The Board of Education will hold a Board Candidates Night meeting on 5/7/08. The public is invited and encourage to attend to direct questions to the candidates.**
- **THE GVPTA Regional Spring Conference will holds its annual meeting at Arcadia HS on 5/14/08 at 6:15 pm.**
- **The Odyssey newsletter deadline for submission of articles, notices is 3/25/08.**

Committee reports

- **Hospitality- Linda Kistler will be stepping down as Hospitality chairperson at the end of the school year and Geri Johnson and Patty Scarlata will be the co-chairpersons starting in the fall 08.**
- **Magazine Sale – Ron Meyers, current chairperson reported a significant decrease in sales this year. The suggestion was made to possibly look at another fundraising option. Ron will be stepping down as chairperson for the magazine sale at the end of the school year as his youngest child is graduating in June. Amy Moyer has agreed to be next year's fundraising chairperson.**

Announcements –

Next meeting- Thursday, May 1, 2008

Respectfully submitted by:

Geri Johnson
PTSA Secretary