

# Holmes PTA Meeting

## September 25, 2008

**Present:** Cathy Farman, Kristin Rogers Landes, Jennifer Raven, Anne Ternus-Bellamy, Anna Grace, Shelley Bronzan, Soudabeh Nader, Susanne Muscati, Kimberly West, Alette Farrell, Rob Egel, Leslie Hunter, Christina Dicker, Sally Drexel, Marie McPherson, Matt McPherson, Anne Jones, Mary James, Derek Brothers, Ashley Nelson, Joanna Littell, Shirley Wang, Jerry Wang, Robbie Murphy, Solveig Seland-Toft, Carolee Gregg, Heather Wade, Trish Price, Lea Darrah, Amir Mansoubi, Carole Harper

### I. Meeting called to order

- ◆ Cathy Farman, PTA president, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Library
- ◆ Introductions conducted among those present

### II. Minutes from May 2008 PTA meeting

- ◆ Shelley Bronzan moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Leslie Hunter seconded. Motion approved.

### III. Treasurer's Report – *Jennifer Raven*

- ◆ Jennifer Raven moved to approve the profit and loss statement for July 2007 to June 2008. Lea Darrah seconded. Motion approved.
- ◆ Leslie moved to approve the July and August 2008 profit and loss. Rob Egel seconded. Motion approved.

Jennifer went over the proposed budget for 2008-2009.

- ◆ Account balance as of June 30, 2008 is \$15,400.43 (\$10,400.43 in carryover plus \$5,000 in reserve).
- ◆ Projected gross income for 2008-2009 is \$38,150. Projected expenses also \$38,150.
- ◆ Toy Shop has been added as a line item.
- ◆ Leslie Hunter explained each of the line items.
- ◆ Cathy Farman explained the teacher grant requests.

Leslie moved to approve \$6,776 in teacher grant requests. Carolee Gregg seconded. Motion approved.

Jennifer made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Mary James seconded. Motion approved.

Carolee moved to approve this year's Unfundraiser as a fundraiser for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade field trip and/or activity days. Anne Jones seconded. Motion approved.

### IV. Principal's Report – *Derek Brothers*

- ◆ School year off to a great start; enrollment about the same as it has been with 752 students (229 in 7<sup>th</sup> grade; 275 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade; 247 in 9<sup>th</sup> grade).
- ◆ Early visits from police related to incidents at Nugget Market on Wednesday mornings. On the first late-start this year, 300 students showed up at Nugget. Parents are urged to not drop off their children at Nugget. Discussion about having before-

school activity at Holmes on Wednesday to draw students to campus rather than to Nugget.

- ◆ Dance postponed due to water main break.

V. **Counselor's Report** – *Ashley Nelson and Joanna Littell*

- ◆ Thanked PTA for help on registration day
- ◆ Outlined plans to discuss bullying, harassment and sexual harassment with students; in November suicide prevention will be addressed. Counselors will meet with all eighth-graders and their parents.
- ◆ Homework club is underway.

VI. **Teacher's Report** – *Heather Wade*

- ◆ Progress reports coming.

VII. **Bylaws** – *Shelly Bronzan*

- ◆ Rob Egel edited the bylaws last year; sent them in to the state PTA which has approved them. Now PTA must approve them in 30 days. Shelley will post a copy in the office.
- ◆ 13 PTA members required for a quorum at PTA meetings

VII. **PTA Committee Reports**

- ◆ Membership chair Alette Farrell reported that there are more PTA members this year than last, even though there are fewer students. However, the teacher/staff membership is low. Direct donations are down by about \$1,200 from last year. The number of directories sold is also down.
- ◆ Trish Price, chair of parent education, said all of the secondary schools are coordinating parent education efforts. The first program will be Oct. 15 in the Holmes MPR, where Dr. Robert McKenzie will speak about setting limitations and motivating students. Future programs will include college admissions at the high school; substance abuse prevention at Emerson and also programs on positive youth development and self-image. The "Parents Who Host Lose The Most" program is posted on the PTA website. More than 120 families have returned the cards.
- ◆ Red Ribbon Week will be coordinated by Mary James

VII. **Measure W** – *Gina Daleiden*

- ◆ School board member Gina Daleiden reported on Measure W, the parcel tax on the November ballot. She said the administration has made all of the cuts it can and has slashed site budgets as well. The tax is necessary to fund all of the programs that were nearly cut last Spring. It is a three-year tax that will only be levied if the board deems it necessary.
- ◆ Lea Darrah made a motion that the Holmes PTA support Measure W. Rob Egel seconded. Motion passed.

VIII. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:55 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by Anne Ternus-Bellamy, PTA secretary*

