

DAMASCUS HIGH SCHOOL PTSA MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009

Bettianne Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mary Jean Osborne moved the minutes be approved, JoAnn Hayes seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.

SGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT: We need to provide our volunteer hours for PTSA and other activities to Bettianne as soon as possible. So far she has 511 volunteers with 2754 hours. Membership is still lagging from last year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Once all the bills are paid we will have about \$1300, enough for 2 newsletter printings and mailings, and we need to carry over \$500 for next year's PTA. The big discussion was whether or not to post the newsletter online or continuing to mail it. Mr. Domergue feels the printed newsletter should continue while we have the money, but we will postpone the next printed/mailed newsletter until after the February meeting, to come out right before spring break. Anything that needs to get distributed to parents in the meantime will be online through Mr. Domergue or Bettianne. The plan is to have an announcement appear in the morning announcements to alert us to check the DHS website.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. At a recent basketball game, Mr. Leonard was recognized for his service as DHS Athletic Director. Also, we have had some new scoreboards installed.
2. Mr. Deboy retired; his replacement should be in by the start of second semester.
3. Need someone to handle the extra graduation ticket requests, not a senior parent; will work directly with Mr. Domergue, basically compiling and sorting requests by email. (Right now it looks like each senior family will receive 6 tickets.)
4. The county has a proposal to reduce or eliminate course fees, probably taking care of most workbooks and alleviating costs for most parents. There are some questions with regard to band and chorus uniforms.
5. Calendars: Exam schedule refined for possible snow day, delayed opening; check website. Marking period ends January 23, 2009. Computer and auto sale coming up as well as Annie in March. Upcoming cluster meeting on cybersafety.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. NAACP. Meeting January 22, 2009, may be cancelled. Need to get minority parents involved, all minorities including Hispanic parents.
2. Post Prom. Shopping frenzy in December successful as well as Pizza Thursdays. There will be a spring dress sale in March as a fundraiser and another parent mailing asking for Post Prom donations, as well as one other fundraiser to be announced later.
3. Teacher appreciation. Soup and salad luncheon for teachers at noon on January 22, 2009.
4. Scholarship. There was much discussion regarding criteria and essay questions and possibly having two "readers", one for the criteria and one for the essays, to prevent inadvertent recognition of

applicants. Various essay questions and categories were discussed as well as basing the focus of the scholarship entirely upon the essay; these will be worked out by the scholarship committee. The committee will present written documentation at the February meeting. We need parents who do not have seniors to help "read" the applications.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer McGolrick

PTSA Secretary