

Holmes PTA Meeting

October 22, 2009

Present: Cathy Farman, Amanda Rackerby, Shelley Bronzan, Kathy Bryant, Moret Chavez, Derek Brothers, Nancy Williams, Lea Darrah, Gene Ashdown, Christina Dicker, Rachel Aptekar, Julia Grim, Ashley Nelson, Eleanor Pracht-Smith, Mary James, Mike Satre, Anne Ternus-Bellamy

I. Meeting called to order

- ◆ Cathy Farman, PTA president, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Library

II. Minutes from September 2009 PTA meeting

- ◆ Nancy Williams moved to approve the minutes from the September 2009 PTA meeting; Lea Darrah seconded. Motion approved

III. Treasurer's Report – Cathy Farman

- ◆ Cathy reviewed the checks written from Sept. 23 to Oct. 20.
- ◆ Lea Darrah moved to approve the profit and loss statement for July 1 to Oct. 20 and ratify the checks written; Christina Dicker seconded. Motion approved.

IV. Teen Activities – Moret Chavez

- ◆ Moret, teen activity specialist for the City of Davis, talked about upcoming activities for Holmes students, including a Halloween dance, rallies and sports tournaments. She reminded parents that students must have a medical release form on file with the city to participate in these activities. Contact Moret a mchavez@cityofdavis.org.

V. Blue and White Foundation – Mike Satre

- ◆ Mike Satre said the stadium project is just half-way done; still need restrooms, concessions, bleachers and more. He urged people to purchase bricks and pavers to help pay for phase II.

VI. Auditor's Report – Sandra Schickele

- ◆ Sandra reported that there is one deposit on the bank statements that does not appear on the resister and the treasurer needs to look at that. Another check that was outstanding at the time of the previous audit has disappeared.
- ◆ She suggested a paper back-up for electronic deposits of Scrip.
- ◆ Sandra examined the records of the treasurer from January to June and found them correct. Lea moved to accept the audit as corrected; Nancy Williams seconded. Motion approved.

VII. Science Department – Cathy Bryant

- ◆ Cathy expressed her appreciation for PTA contributions over the year, particularly specimens, as well as media for students who opt out of dissections.

VIII. Counselor's Report – Ashley Nelson

- ◆ Ashley reported that new safe schools ambassadors have been chosen, about 40 students in all who will participate in a two-day training in November.
- ◆ Counselor Ellen Shields has joined the staff as a .325 FTE counselor. She will have a special caseload of at-risk kids.
- ◆ A new task force is addressing the achievement gap. The task force is comprised of stakeholders from throughout the city.

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

- ◆ Heather reported on the end of the quarter approaching and all of the school activities being headed up by teachers, including AVID, safe schools ambassadors, lunch clubs and more.

X. **Principal's Report** – *Derek Brothers*

- ◆ Derek discussed ongoing issues with the Zangle and requested patience as the glitches are worked out.
- ◆ Budget discussions are getting underway at the district level.
- ◆ Flu continues to hit Holmes hard.
- ◆ Counselors have met with ninth-graders involved in the recent field hockey incident.

XI. **Unfundraiser** – *Julia Grim for Carolee Gregg*

- ◆ The unfundraiser will fund the following programs: a school-wide assembly on tolerance with a featured speaker from the Museum of Tolerance; a 7th grade renaissance day; an 8th grade civil war enactment day; a 9th grade hike at Mt. Tam.
- ◆ Volunteers are welcome – and needed – to stuff envelopes.
- ◆ Lea Darrah moved to approve the programs to be funded by the unfundraiser; Shelley Bronzan seconded. Motion approved.

XII. **Red Ribbon Week** – *Mary James*

- ◆ Mary discussed plans for Red Ribbon Week, including daily themes, decorations around school and more. She and Dan LaFond from Davis PD will be presenting to smaller groups of students than last year.

XIII. **Membership Report** – *Nancy Williams*

- ◆ Nancy reported that 473 parents have joined the PTA, as have 23 staff and faculty. Total raised is \$13,607 for membership, directories and direct donations.

XIII. **President's Report** – *Cathy Farman*

- ◆ Cathy reported the Holmes librarian has requested additional funds but she said no. An “adopt-a-book” fundraiser might be held instead.
- ◆ Lea reported the parent meeting the evening of the first dance was a success.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Anne Ternus-Bellamy, PTA secretary