

CHS PTO MEETING MINUTES  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
7 – 8 pm

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Clayton High School PTO held their monthly meeting in the CHS Library, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. There were 23 people in attendance: Sue Hodapp, Jan Goodman, Peggy Bowe, Tina Holland, Pramila Badhri, Susan Ryffel, Louise Losos, Russell Buchanan, Marcia Goldsmith, Patty Paster, Yun-Ho Sikora, Patty Cooper, Beth Haslett, Kathleen Matheny, Joana Ocros-Ritter, Connie Evashwick, Lily Raymond, Lisa Avery, Karen Stern, Jeanne Golden, Susan Buse, Joyce Stubblefeld, and Robin Rivard.

The agenda was as follows:

**1. Welcome, introductions:**

Jan Goodman and Sue Hodapp, 2009 PTO Co-Presidents, greeted everyone, with thanks for attending and volunteering. People present introduced themselves, and disclosed their astrological signs, and how their signs might reflect their personalities. The group presented Robin Rivard with a birthday cake for her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**2. PTO September Minutes:**

Minutes from the September meeting were introduced and approved.

**3. PTO Website Update:**

Russell Buchanan indicated that there is an Events Evaluation Form available on the website. Sue Hodapp asked that as events are completed, the responsible committee person complete the form and keep one copy on file, and forward a second copy to Sue. Peggy Bowe will be assisting Russell with the website. Russell mentioned that the website is looking bare, and asked that we be sure to either send or re-send event flyers and information to him. Sue asked that everyone check the website to be sure that any information you expect to be there is on the site.

#### **4. Committee Reports:**

**Homecoming Bonfire for Parents.** Robin Rivard stated that the Bonfire went well. The larger tent, and Gay Field location seemed to work well. With just a couple of exceptions, the s'mores were not missed. There are lots of leftover cups, lights, napkins and water that will be stored in the PTO closet. Be sure to check there before any future events before purchasing supplies.

**Parent Connections.** Sue Hodapp reported for Liz Smith. The all-grade event on September 22<sup>nd</sup> drew about 50 parents. Attendees seemed to value the event, although the Commons was not the best location. Hopes are to have next year's event back in the Library.

**Upcoming Events.** Lisa Avery reported that plans for chaperones for the Halloween Dance to be held on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, would be progressing. She has lists of volunteer names, and made note of Susan Buse's suggestion that more coat racks and hangers be made available at the dance. Lisa also provided a flyer for the upcoming Sophomore Parent Connections Tapas Night.

**Teacher Appreciation.** Sue Hodapp showed the group a sample of the Halloween Treats that Lori Cohen will be providing for the upcoming Teacher Appreciation event. The group agreed that they were darling!

#### **5. PTO Budget:**

Tina Holland reported that it has been a quiet budget month. The Buzz Book budget was on target, and Council dues have been paid. Tina emphasized that the PTO members should please use the forms provided for expenses, and the sales tax exemption form.

#### **6. Principal's Report:**

Louise Losos reported that Homecoming Week went very well. The event was calm with great decorations and floats, a new song and shirts for the Pep Rally, and a large and enthusiastic crowd at the Homecoming Dance. Mike Nelke did a very nice job with the event. The Junior Challenge is coming up on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Tower Grove Park. This is a team building / leadership training event.

Louise reminded us that graduation date has changed, and announced that the 2010 Prom date has been changed from May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Louise passed out communications protocols that are being considered by the district. Any comments on the document should be sent to Chris Tennill as soon as possible. He will be presenting them to the School Board on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Sue Hodapp asked about a possible presentation by Kathryn Cramer of Asset Based Thinking for students. Louise said that the speaker and topic were not well-received by her leadership team. Pramila Badhri asked about H1N1 vaccines. Louise says that plans are on hold, the Health Department had concerns about the District's plans for vaccinating the students. Finally, a construction update: there will not be parking in the front circle, part of the Brown Shoe lot will be used instead. The circle will be restriped to allow more parking. Deca will be using the Cottage for a graffiti fundraiser before demolition.

#### **7. Next Month Reporting:**

- 1. YES – Marcia Goldsmith**
- 2. After Prom Party – Flora Dulle, Deb Polinski, Trish Hill and Kathy Dufour**
- 3. Freshman Parent Connections – Marguerite Garrick and Gayle Keil**
- 4. Junior Parent Connections – Yun Ho Sikora and Kathleen Matheny**
- 5. Senior Parent Connections – Karen Stern and Jeanne Golden**
- 6. Centennial Plaza and Funds for Excellence – Jan, Sue, Cindy and Denise**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00. The next meeting will be Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the CHS Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ryffel  
CHS PTO Secretary