

Minutes of the Northview High School PTSA
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2007

Sandi Rose, Co President, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Members in attendance were: Sandi Rose, Julie Pitman, Julie Meinert, Susanne Warren, Maria Orlando, Arlene Jerome, Ruth Petrillo, Martha Bernstein, Molly Ruttle, Deb Powell, Mr. Zervakos, Becky Beaver

Deb Powell made a motion to approve the February minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Sandi reported that she forwarded an email to all V.P.'s (and rest of the board) from Jeri Colton this morning. Jeri needs final figures from all of the committees to get us through the end of August preferably before the end of March. The Bulk Mail account has \$688.00. Susanne indicated that because we don't know how much more we will need to spend, we need to leave that account as it. Sandi concurred. Susanne said that Jeri can pull the rest of the money out of Community Relations and make that \$0.00. Susanne is not sure about Legislation and will have to follow up with Sharyl on that line item. On Newsletter, Susanne feels that lowering the amount to \$140.00 would be safe to do. For Publicity, make the amount \$0.00. Susanne is unsure who has paid what for SPLOST. Sandi indicated she had signed a check for \$250.00 (Northview donation) that went to the Citizens Committee for the renewal of SPLOST. Sandi also indicated that there were more funds spent in that category but she was fairly certain that we were done. Susanne said that if that item was done make that \$0.00 as well. For Hospitality after Sandi spoke with Kathy Elwell, she felt the amount should be left alone as that has to cover staff appreciation week, the end of school luncheon, and the beginning of the school luncheon. Molly will look at what we spent last year on Membership and supplies at report to Jeri how much she thinks is needed in those line items to cover us through the end of August. Sandi reported that the money sitting in Conferences and Luncheons is there for anyone who might be interested in going to the summer leadership conference in around July 14th timeframe. Jeri will need feedback on Campus Beautification, Facilities Enhancement, and Parent to Parent (they may want money to upgrade their program). Sandi reported that the money in Awards Night should stay for now as we haven't had the event yet. Deb reported that there isn't a lot going on in Health and Safety so perhaps that money could also be moved to \$0.00 provided the bills had been paid. Sandi indicated that Julie Meinert volunteered to possibly help with skin cancer awareness if we had the name of the contact from last year. Deb has made a request for last year's binder to be returned so we can see what had been done in the past. Sandi suggested we leave the money alone until we understand if we are going to do any other program before the end of the year. Mr. Zervakos asked that because we are bringing in more trailers this summer, are there still funds available for a July Hands On Northview event to plant around them. Sandi indicated that the fund would come out of this current budget but we currently have \$6800.00 in Facilities Enhancement that could absorb some of those expenses. Mr.

Zervakos said that our current trophy cases were almost full and asked if we could order more using those funds. He suggested that those funds could cover three additional trophy cases and the remainder of the funds be shifted to Campus Beautification to be used for purchasing flowers and plants to enhance the new trailers. Sandi suggested that we continue to review each of the line items and whatever excess funds are identified by the end of March, provided we vote as a group, could be moved by Jeri into Facilities Enhancement. Ruth, Julie and Mr. Zervakos indicated that all of the funds were used however not all of the teachers had gotten their requests in and/or processed at this point in time. Sandi indicated that we will spend all of the money in the Drive Smart line item. With two more months of senior treats, the money needs to remain as is for now. Sandi asked for a motion that the money from the Facility Enhancements account be used on three trophy cases with the excess going towards landscaping. She also noted that there may be additional funds moved into Facilities Enhancement after all accounts had been reviewed by the end of the month. Ruth Petrillo made the motion. The motion was seconded and passed.

Principal's Report

A big thanks on behalf Fulton County to our PTSA cluster's big support of SPLOST, particularly this school. Hopefully it will have passed by this evening and we will have good news to report. The Bring our Dad to school day was a big success, however, we had a lot of requests for a Bring our Mom to school event as well which we are going to try to do this fall, sometime in October. The interesting part of the event was when one of the 300 some odd Dad's raised his hand and asked Mr. Zervakos what do you want us to tell everyone about your school? Prom is coming up and he is surprised no one has asked where the facility actually is (Hellenic Center). The good news is that there is plenty of room for everyone and is only 35 minutes away. Honors Night, VIP Night and the Academic Banquet are still coming up. Sandi suggested we add VIP Night to the Titan View Calendar. Mr. Zervakos also reported that we will have "a bunch" of new students next year but are prepared for up to 3000. If the new high school doesn't open on time, then there will be a need for adjustments. The last news is that we will leave for spring break this year fully staffed for next year with some candidates in the wings to fill slots to handle last minute issues. An example is that Ellen Warren who has been a charter faculty member will be leaving to serve as a department chair for Science at Roswell High School which reflects well on NHS.

Co-President's Report

Sandi Rose reported that she received a phone call from the Alpharetta Neighbor who wants to interview her and possibly Julie about the Drive Smart program. The article is due to come out on the 28th (the day before the program) and she wanted to include other interviews perhaps from accident victims but at this point Sandi is only comfortable reporting on the program but no connection has been made thus far. For as large of a school as we are, we don't seem to get the coverage we should. Mr. Zervakos reported that now that Alison Findlay is off of hiatus, she is trying to set up a meeting with the AJC and the Neighbor papers to figure out how to increase coverage, etc.

Sandi thanked everyone for being here tonight as it has been tough to get a quorum to attend. Sandi suggested that if Tuesday nights do not work out for the next board, they pick a night that would suit them better. Sandi reported that we have been asked by Chattahoochee's cluster our opinion of the new high school's site via e-mail due to articles that have been circulating in the AJC. There will be a meeting on Monday at 7:00pm put on by the Fulton County Board of Education at State Bridge Elementary where they will be talking about the proposed new high school. It appears that a few folks have been circulating that there has been a risk hazard analysis report done on the site and that the site shows "life threatening safety hazards that under the worse case scenarios could cause fatalities, injuries and building damage". The email goes on from there. Mr. Zervakos responded that theoretically anything could happen, including getting hit by a tornado. Also, he said that there is no building built with more safety or scrutiny in mind than a school building. The reality is that the school will be built. There are always risks anywhere.

Communications Report

Martha Bernstein reported that they are doing a final edit on the spring Titan View and the goal is to bulk mail it out April 11th. Martha also reported that they will be sending out the request for articles for the summer edition immediately as articles (other than those having to do with graduation) have to be to the committee by May 16th. The goal is to bulk mail the summer edition out by June 16th. Sandi brought up that last year, the PTSA requested each VP area to send a summary of the year's activities which everyone agreed should be repeated this year. Martha reported that very few sports articles have been submitted other than swim team. Mr. Zervakos said that because it is still early in the season for spring sports, there probably isn't a lot to report at this time (although we are doing very well).

Hospitality

Sandi Rose reported for Kathy Elwell that St. Patrick's Day cookies were in the teachers' lounge and several activities are planned for May for teacher appreciation week. Mr. Zervakos requested that if it could work out again this year, the teachers would love to have the end of the year luncheon provided on the second or third day during exam week as that schedule proved to be a huge hit last year. The suggestion was made that the luncheon be held on the Thursday of exam week at 12:30pm as that is when the student would be leaving. Also, Mexican has always been very popular if but whatever the committee chooses would be fine.

Membership Report

Molly Ruttle reported that we had one more membership.

School Services

Sandi Rose reported for Andrea Lutz on the following topics.

Career Center

Jeri Colton should have all of the paperwork for their expenses, otherwise no further activity to report.

Parent to Parent

There has been no activity this quarter and they will not be spending any more budget money.

Office Volunteers

Everything is going great.

Media Center

Jeri Colton should have all of the paperwork for their expenses. Sandi believes they purchased a color printer with their budgeted money. The new board needs to discuss perhaps not having this position as a committee chair for next year. Cynthia Weston has done a wonderful job in trying to offer help and maybe would be willing to stay on if needed. Perhaps Carole Sharpe doesn't need the PTSA's help for volunteers but maybe just a budget.

Campus Beautification

Andrea has tried to get in touch with Ron Menze and will continue to try to reach him. April's hands-on-Northview day is coming up. As far as the budget is concerned, there will be a few expenses coming in for refreshments for the volunteers.

Student Enrichment

Deb Powell reported that they have VIP and Honor's night coming up.

Reflections

Molly Ruttle reported that we have 5 state winners and the reception will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2007. Molly added that they are still paying out mini grants.

Cultural Arts

Ruth Petrillo reported that we are done with cultural arts.

Student Services

Project Graduation

Arlene reported that plans are continuing to progress and going well. As of Monday, March 12th they had 40 students who had registered. The committee is really trying to encourage early registration prior to May 1st. Last Friday they had a raffle for those who had registered thus far and the prize was four movie tickets. Sandi helped to make sure the registration forms and information were on the web site and for the most part, the fundraising has gone well. Next month they may start meeting more often based on the number of registrants. They are still looking for junior parents to volunteer.

Drive Smart Program

Sandi Rose reported that the Drive Smart program will be held Thursday, March 29th at 7:00pm. We will have three speakers as a part of that program. Corporal Blunt from the Fulton County police department will be the first speaker. He will be followed by a gentleman name Chris Sandy who is an inmate in the Georgia Department of Corrections. He was driving drunk one evening and killed an elderly couple. He will be followed by a presentation by Eric Krug who was in an accident. He got in a vehicle with someone who had been drinking. Because of his choice he suffered a traumatic brain injury. He was a star baseball player and now needs a walker to walk and lost the use of an arm and the

ability to speak. His mother will give the presentation. As far as registration is concerned, the sign in cards will still be used. The program is required for parking permits for upcoming juniors and seniors.

Mr. Zervakos reported that while all of the new student's breakfasts have been wonderful, the last breakfast, nine out of a possible eleven students attended. Out of the nine students who attended, only one student was there where English was the primary language spoken and one student came directly from outside of the United States.

Nominating Committee Report

Maria Orlando reported that the slate for next years PTSA board is almost filled with the exception of the PTSA President's position. She made a plea for anyone who might have any suggestions or ideas to email her. The slate needs to be posted at least ten days before the General PTSA Meeting which at the latest would be April 15th.

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

New Business

The Drive Smart Program will be held on March 29th at 7:00pm.

VIP Night will be held on Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00pm.

The next general PTSA meeting will be held on April 25th at 7:15pm where elections and budget changes will be voted on.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00pm in the PTSA Room 401.

Martha reminded everyone to see and promote the play "Fiddler of the Roof" as it should be quite impressive.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Beaver
Recording Secretary