

American Heritage/Academy Upper School PTO Meeting

Thursday – September 14, 2006

The general meeting of the Upper School PTO was called to order by Macu Melgarejo at 8:05 am. Macu welcomed everyone and suggested that the meeting begin since some of the administration and parents needed to go to the Lower School PTO meeting.

Introduction of Administration

Macu introduced Mrs. Butts, Mrs. Cvammen, Mrs. Shienvold and Mr. Gulotta.

Administration Report by Mr. Gulotta

- Alertify: the phone and computer notification system – allows the school to notify families if the school will be closed, etc (as it did when the school was closed due to potential Hurricane a few weeks ago). Everyone was very thankful for the service.
- Tonight (9/14/06) there is a JV Football game.
- Tomorrow (9/15/06) the Varsity Football team plays at Coral Springs.
- Next week (week beginning 9/18/06), students will be taking school pictures for the Yearbook.
- On Thursday (9/21/06), the Junior High will be having its first “outing” to Kabooms. Later that night there is a Junior High Football home game.

Mrs. Mandal speaks – Director of College Planning

- Mrs. Mandal provided a List of Colleges that have already RSVP'd for the College Fair. To date, 72 are planning on attending. She expects over 100 colleges to be represented.
- The College Fair is on Thursday – November 2, 2006. Volunteers will be needed.
- Some colleges will not be able to make it to the College Fair. They are making arrangements to come on a different date.
- Midwest College Tour (for 10th/11th/12th graders) is November 15 – 19, 2006. Deadline is soon, so don't hesitate.
- Mid-Atlantic Tour and Florida Tour will each be taking place in the Spring 2007.

PTO Board & Committee Introductions

- Macu introduced the 2006-2007 PTO Board:
 - Katherine Glasser, Past President
 - Judi Malove, Vice President
 - Pam Saccocio, Treasurer
 - Sharon Miller, Lower School Liaison
 - Not in attendance – Alicia Velazquez, Secretary
- Macu introduced the Committee Chairs in attendance (each gave a brief description regarding their Committee):

College Fair & Junior College Workshop: Sheryl Lynn & Colleen Reese
Fundraising: Erika Novick & Katherine Glasser
Honors Breakfast: Lillian Delgado, Maria Falci & Lucy Mancuso
Thanksgiving Dessert-Fest: Cynthia Perdomo & Debbie Hubschman
History Day: Cynthia Perdomo
Student Enrichment: Brenda Colon
Hospitality Committee: Pam Saccocio & Katherine Glasser
Staff Appreciation: Pam Saccocio & Lucy Mancuso
Student Recognition: Pam Saccocio
Office: Lucy Mancuso
Cartridges for Kids: Maria Falci
Welcome Staff & PTO: Katherine Glasser
Lifesaver Committee: Macu Melgarejo

2005-2006 PTO Sign Contribution

- Katherine Glasser presented Mrs. Butts with a check for \$5,000 towards a new sign for the Upper School parking lot, a donation made possible by the efforts of the 2005-2006 Upper School PTO and all its volunteers.

Online and telephone information

- *Edline* (www.edline.com) is the program where parents and students can go to find information regarding each student's classes and other activities as well as links to PTO and teacher emails. Anyone who has not activated their Edline, should do so as soon as possible. Contact Mrs. Behar if there are any questions.
- Another online site is www.ahschool.com. There is information about the school as well as a link to PTO information.
- PTO voicemail: Call the school at 954-472-0022 extension #3485. If you need to contact someone from the PTO, you can leave a message and someone will get back to you.
- PTO email: Another way of contacting PTO members is by email to pto@ahschool.com

Treasurer's Report

- Pam Saccocio read the Treasurer's Report. As of 8/31/2006, there is a balance of \$8,208.98 in the bank. We are expecting to receive the Dues money from the school within the week.
- Colleen Reese motions to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Judi Malove and the motion passed unanimously.

As Alicia Velazquez was not able to make it to the meeting, the Board tabled the approval of the May Minutes.

The next General Meeting will be Thursday, October 12, 2006. There will be private tour of the Upper School library provided after the meeting.

PSAT exam is on Saturday, October 21, 2006. Need volunteers from 7:30am - 8:30am.

As there was no further business, Erika Novick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Colleen Reese seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35am.