

**Unionville High School PTO  
Meeting Minutes March 9, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. In attendance were: Linda Bowen, Lori Joseph, Katy Donovan, Eileen Bushelow, Joanne Bates, Linda Fisher, Michelle Montgomery, Barbara Guin, Tammy Everitt, Susan Wright, Carol McShane, Rekha Doraiswamy, Karen Myers, Diane Micklen, Katalin Lindmayer, Frank Deady, Paula Massanari, Carrie Dickman

**Minutes:** The January meeting minutes were presented, a motion was made to approve the Minutes; the motion was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Fisher went over the budget. The final Art Gala proceeds were \$5184 which is \$1,184 over budget income. The directories income came in at \$339 over budget. Membership income is over budget. SAT testing income is under budget. Script keeps coming in. There were expenses from the bike drive, KIND, an ad in the Indian Post, Focus and approximately \$29,000 of project funds were paid out.

**Guidance Report:** Dr. Deady reported that 6 children have been accepted to the Schreyer's Honor College at Penn State. Electronic transcripts may be a reality at UHS. Naviance can send electronic transcripts and recommendations for the common app schools currently. The counseling center is at the end of Junior conferences.

**Principal's Report:** Paula Massanari gave a presentation on the Keystone Exams, which will be state end-of-course tests that will replace PSSA's. She also talked about a change in the calendar. If the board approves it at its next meeting, May 18<sup>th</sup> will now be a student day and school will end on Friday, June 18. Our children currently attend school for 182 where the state requirement is 180 days. If we need more "snow/flood days" it has been suggested that the administration could ask the board to only attend school for the required 180 days.

**Teacher Rep Report:** Carrie Dickman reported on further changes to NHS. Going forward, there will be no Spring induction, only one in Sept. All new members will be admitted based on completed course grades and not in-progress grades. Packets should be received by the prospective students at the end of June. There will be no change in service hours (15 hours minimum with no more than 5 hours in any day in one activity and actively involved in 2 school activities/clubs). This change is expected to be more kid friendly.

**Student Council Representative's Report:** There was no student council rep present.

**Presidents Report:** Joanne Bates reported that a nominating committee had been formed for the positions on the executive board. She explained the role of the nominating committee and announced that the committee members are Heidi Brown, Barbara Guin and Michelle Montgomery. They will present the slate of officers at the April meeting and a vote will take place at the May meeting. Committee chairs need to let the executive board know if they will be returning to their same positions for the next school year. Rekha has found a replacement for her with respect to the enews. The PTO has purchased an ad in the most recent Bridge. It will continue to do so on an on-going basis to support The Bridge and as a way to get the message out as to what the PTO actually does. If any committee

would like to participate in this, please let the Exec Board know. Joanne also mentioned that all 7<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible for a free 3 mo. Membership at the Kennett YMCA. Doug Vallette and Vincent O'Donnell have been nominated for the Citadel Heart of Learning Award. School Board member Frank Murphy was asked to speak at our April meeting about the PA State Employee Retirement system and how it affects our district employees. Due to his work schedule, he will not be able to make it, but Timotha Trigg, Board President, will be able to attend and update the group. The Budget cycle for the school district is:

3/15 Sharon's Budget Overview – 9:15 at UE for PTO Leadership. Anyone interested in attending should let Joanne know.

4/7 Community Conversation at CFPMS Cafeteria

5/3,5/4,5/5 Budget Hearings

5/10 Preliminary Budget Approval

**Vice Presidents Report:** Katy Donovan reported that the community scholarship letter requesting donations is ready to go out. Also the Committee met with the guidance counselors and Paula to go over rules. Katy also mentioned the importance of the next school board meeting with respect to replacing Curt Bakers seat on the board.

### **Committee Reports:**

**After Prom:** Eileen Bushelow reported that the fashion did not make as much money as expected but they will be making this up in other ways. Entertainment has been booked and food is well underway. The registration packets will go out after Spring Break.

**FOCUS:** Joann Bates reported that on April 14 Mike Nearney will speak on the Adolescent Agenda..

**Projects:** Lori Joseph reported that \$45,000 was available for project requests and approximately \$40,767 was approved. To date, \$29,000 has been paid out. A list of projects is in the Bridge and on the PTO Website. It is also attached here.

Literature Pocket Rack – Main Office \$216

Qwizdom Student Response System – Jean Stevens, Computer Department \$2195

Fiction and Biography Collections Renovation – Diane Mustin, Library \$5,011.24

ProQuest SIRS Issues Researcher– Diane Mustin, Library \$1230

Auxiliary Gym Floor Covering – Mark Kline, Maintenance \$835

Carpet Extractor – Mark Kline, Maintenance \$2197.60

Security Camera – Paula Massanari, Principal \$1500

Weight Room Stereo – Scott Stoltzfus, P.E. \$334.96

LCD Projector – Ashley Burslem, English \$695

SMART Board – Jennifer Caputo, Social Studies \$1284

SMART Board – Julia Thompson-Calio, English \$1284

Sander – Mr. Linkmeyer, Technology Education \$300

Flip Videos(5) for Digital Storytelling - Vicki Treadway, Technology Support \$800

Vinyl Sign Cutter Software Upgrade – Bryan Treadway, Technology Support \$844.99

Stage Production Tools – Berkeihiser & Litzenberg, Stage and Tech Crew Advisors \$1759

Indian Post Publication – Daniel Lipowitz, Joseph Ahart & Alexandra Schmelzle, English/Extra Curricular \$1740

Literature Circle Library – English Dept. \$3,000

Elmo Visual Presenter – Ann Bielli, Mathematics \$648

Elmo Visual Presenter – Kateryn McHale, English \$648

Elmo Visual Presenter – Keeley Trumbo, English \$648

Elmo Visual Presenter and Dewar's Flask – Patrisha Ross, Chemistry \$2264.70

*Under Our Skin* Lyme Disease Documentary – Brenda Korbin, Nurse \$229

Egg Incubator – Fred Stauffer, Science \$137.50

Origami Paper and Batteries – Lori Snyder, Math \$100

Spectrophotometers (2) – Bill Anderson, Biology \$2098

Classrooms For The Future Science Lab Carts – Doug Vallette, Science \$6703

Pro Trainer Soccer Machine – Rich Garber, Health and Phys Ed \$2064.77

**Used Book Sale:** Barbara Giun reported that they are still looking for some adult volunteers for Saturday. The sale dates are Friday March 12 from 5-9 pm and Sat March 13 from 9-2:30. Bag Sale 3-5.

### **New Business/Membership Comments:**

**By-Laws:** A new Proposed draft of the by-laws has been put together. They will be voted on at the next meeting. The big changes are:

Standing Committees which are committees that are responsible for signature events at the high school, are major income producing events (Used Book Sale, Art Gala) or committees that run all year (e-News, Membership) will have chairs that are part of the board. The Grant Co-coordinator will not be an executive board position but will be in the Umbrella Organization.

Article 9 Committee

**Pasta Dinner:** Karen Myers reported that the Pasta Dinner sponsored by the United Way on April 10 is well under way. There will be dance lessons and movies at the event. There will also be a photo and essay contest. People from Traditions are being invited. It will cost \$10/adults, \$5/child and \$25/family.

**Science Rocks:** Lela Galer reported on a new initiative called "Science Rocks." It is expected to be a Woodstock type rock concert towards the end of the school year to raise funds for the new science labs. It is in the very early stages of planning. She is looking for corporate sponsorships.

**Electronic Sign:** While talking about Projects, a PTO member questioned the status of an Electronic Sign for the High School. Joanne Bates replied that while this was something that was discussed at previous meetings, the general consensus was that given the other needs presented by the teachers, this has been tabled. Lele Galer then stated that she is pursuing the purchase of an electronic sign from a grant perspective and is also pursuing a naming rights policy that may help with the fundraising. Joanne, added that is this is something the majority

of the membership wants to pursue, it can be looked at again next year. She also stated that the cost is about \$30,000.

Upcoming Meetings:

**March 11:** After Prom in cafeteria at 7pm

**March 15:** Sharon Parker Budget Overview 9:15at UE SGI

**April 13: PTO Meeting 9:30** Sharon Parker will be the guest speaker and will update the group on the District Budget Process. Exact location of this meeting will be communicated via e-news.