

Downers Grove South High School PTA
September 15, 2009

Call to Order: President Cheri Peterson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Those in attendance were: Steve Bild, Ed Schwartz, Barb Schrage, Cindy Topps, Annmarie Vlastnik, Barb Ceranec, Lisa Worthington, Vanessa McGriff-Culver, Deonne M. Harris, Karen Encher Skala and Terry Pavesich. Terry mentioned the new District 99 Cookbook that is for sale.

Secretary's Report: The May minutes were approved by Barb Schrage and seconded by Vanessa McGriff-Culver.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Topps recapped the deposits since August, 2009. The bank has charged our account a deposit fee of .25 per check; Cindy has contacted Becky at the bank who indicated she would flag the account as a "no fee account." The budget has been revised after the last meeting. Scholarships have not been paid out yet – receipts need to be turned in by the recipients and then will be paid. Discussion of leaving scholarships on budget so that money is reserved year to year. Cindy mentioned the book, PTA Money Matters that she has been reviewing this summer; book discusses fiscal year and 1099 forms for donations over \$600; we may need to change scholarship amounts in the future.

The Treasurer's Report has been filed for audit.

Principal's Report: Associate Principal Ed Schwartz reported on the following:

- A big thank you to those who helped with the envelope stuffing and fee payment day. Everything ran very smoothly.
- Pictures are taking place this week.
- Tomorrow (Sept. 16) is a late start day.
- Thursday, (Sept. 17) is Academic Awards Night.
- Friday, (Sept. 18) is the cross-town rival to be played at DGS this year.

- Homecoming week is the week of September 28th, with Friday (Oct. 2) being the Assembly, Parade and football game, and Saturday (Oct. 3) the Homecoming Dance.
- Three golfers on the golf team got a hole-in-one on the same day.
- Thursday, October 8th is Freshman Play, “I’m a Freshman, Get Me Out of Here.”
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 29, from 11:00am to 9pm.
- We now have “E-News.” Parents who have email addresses on file will get notice of big events at DGS. Parents can have e-news sent to more than one email address.
- The Midwest Heart Foundation is having a fundraiser at the end of October. Do we want to donate? They want to test every student every couple of years; if this is done, we will need 100 volunteers. It will take 2 days to complete for both North and south.
- PTA Website will be redesigned – will be able to update minutes and agendas.

Mr. Steve Bild reported: Tonight is the Parent Advisory Board Meeting. There are over 30 parents who have confirmed their attendance. The topics to discuss will be “Norms and Protocols, Topic Survey, and Student Assistance Survey.” October’s topic will be Course Proposals.

Vice-President Report: There are currently 900 staff and parent members; would like 100% participation from staff. There are 720 directories ordered. Everything should be completed by the end of the month. Barb will send the list of current staff members to Mr. Schwartz.

Volunteer Coordinator: Lisa met with Lisa Wivinis. There are 300 volunteers that have turned in forms. Lisa is developing spreadsheets for events that need volunteers. Homecoming volunteer list is complete. The next big event is Teacher Holiday Breakfast.

Spirit Wear: Spirit Wear at Open House did well. An order has been placed for the Oct. 29 Parent-Teacher Conferences. Some limited items

will be in a blow out sale. Pictures can be placed on the website. Designs for Class of 2014 Open House will be out at the Jan. /Feb. Open House. Any new design ideas would have to be in by December 1. Cheri will email art teachers regarding new spirit wear designs. This will be discussed next month.

President Report: A Thank You note from Ashley Carpenter, one of the PTA Scholarship recipients was passed around. Cheri thanked Delia for envelope stuffing and all her work at Fee Payment.

New Business: Barb Ceranec made a suggestion for Post-Prom Activities. Prom is April 30th at the Abbington. In the past, the PTA has handled post-Prom Activities. Since the Prom ends at 11:30, Barb would like to reserve a boat downtown Chicago. Pros and Cons were discussed. Barb will find out when we would need to put a deposit down, the minimum number we would need to reserve the boat, whether we can get our deposit back in the event we do not have enough interest, and if any other school would be on the boat with DGS. We may do a survey of students in the school newspaper to determine if there is any interest in going on the boat after prom.

Other new business: Vera Airdo, Barb Schrage and Martie Kennedy were on the Audit Committee. Everything was perfect.

The audit was filed.

The budget was tabled for next month.

The Reflections Theme this year is “Beauty Is...” Student in Independent Studies may be interested in participating in Reflections.

Vanessa McGriff-Culver proposed whether the PTA would consider a sound system for the gym. The procedure for such a request is to write a proposal and submit it to Mr. Schwartz first.

Next meeting: October 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Laurie Ruggiero