

Tappan Zee High School PTSA Meeting
Regular Monthly Meeting – TZHS Library
September 14, 2010

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by Co-Presidents.

- Quorum was met with 17 members in attendance.
- Parent and Administrator's introductions made around table.

2. Principal's Report – Jennifer Amos

- Professional Development discussed. Staff built "Building Goals", handout given to attendees. "Where is High School Perception?" Taken from data collected from last year's survey.
- First few days went smoothly. Freshman Orientation was good. Football team won the Orange Bowl. Some questions asked by parents about how "Orange Bowl" was managed and run.
 - a) Who determined cost? Because there is usually no cost at TZHS athletic events.
 - b) Why was their no "student" or "family" price?
 - c) Where did the funds go?

3. Assistant Principal's Report – Mr. Soss

- The High School is a BUSY place! Continually in motion. Mr. Soss handed out a calendar he created with upcoming dates for September and October.
- Zee Night discussed. The SOS club operates the concession stand, profits to go to the SOS club.
 - a) All total Football Games profits from concessions are divided between the 4 classes evenly.
- Senior Photo Retakes to be taken Oct. 26, 27, 28.
- Suggestion: Alert parents that there is a club listing on the web, because many (parents and students) don't know about the clubs or what is offered. Tell parents at Back to School Night.

4. Marian Gryzlo –

- **Education Foundation Update.** Board Members Marian Gryzlo, Michele Violetto and Laura Neuendorf gave brief overview on the South Orangetown Education Foundation (SOEF). Organization bringing programs and funding to district, above and beyond what budget can provide. Don't want to compete with fundraising by PTA. Looking for outside resources and businesses to help. Board includes 9 people: Volunteer community members, Superintendent, a teacher to be named by Bill Hughes. Find it on the web at www.SOinspired.org
- **Denise Jensen Fundraiser.** Marian announced the Brunch Fundraiser to be held at Casa Mia Manor House on Sunday, 9/19 from 11am to 1pm to benefit the Jensen family in time of need.

5. Acceptance of Minutes – Laura Neuendorf

First motion to accept: Mary Beth Carley

Second motion: Jane Casey

6. Treasurer's Report – Kathy Mart

\$5,800 in bank.

2010/2011 Proposed Budget: Handout given and reviewed by all in attendance. Discussion produced a few changes. Reflections budget suggested to be added to general budget sheet.

Kathy Dellacava made 1st motion to accept budget as amended.

Denise MaGuire seconded the motion. Motion voted on, and passed unanimously.

7. President's Report – Trish Bakker/Mary Paul

- Project Graduation/Scholarship Update.
 - Project Graduation a HUGE success. Nicole Glazer to chair this year, and MaryBeth Carley offered to liaison with her. Committee needs new “younger” parents as the committee is heavy with Senior parents and needs some new members.
 - Scholarships were decreased in number and amount this past year (2010) due to dramatical reduced donations. General budget subsidized additional funding for scholarships this year because of shortfall with no “Go-Dutch” program, but will not be able to continue doing so. Scholarship will only be able to spend what they collect, or as suggested – perhaps they should do a fundraiser(s) targeting specifically for scholarship funds.
- The Audit committee met and finished the audit for Project Grad. Project Grad budget to be included with regular budget moving forward.

- Meet the Teacher Night – Sept. 23

- Request from Liam Frawley, Dir. of Athletics. Liam has requested that the TZHS PTSA contribute \$1,500 to help defray cost of a character Education program. (Handout distributed). It would be 2 days in November, and then 4 smaller meetings. 11/9 Meeting would be include 3-6 student leaders, then meet with PTA that night. Would not just include athletes.

Every other month, between SOMS & TZHS will be “Heroes & Cool Kids”. High school students will buddy with a sixth grader.

Question: How will mentors be chosen?

Proposal was discussed. Motion made by Denise MaGuire to donate \$750. towards Liam Frawley's request for a Character Ed program with the stipulations :

- a) a cross section of students be included
- b) a minimum of staff and guidance be included
- c) a evaluation of the program be done when program is concluded

Motion seconded by Barbara Noyes.

Motion voted on, and passed unanimously

- Budget then voted on again with new change:
Motion made by Kathy Dellacava to have budget include a \$2,000 line item for speakers/ assemblies.
Motion seconded by Trish Bakker
Motion voted on, and passed unanimously
- Committee for By-Laws. Looking for volunteers for committee.

8. Committee Reports

- Fundraising: Gale Henry-Flynn. Candle Fundraiser from 9/8 to 10/5, envelopes given to 9th grade. Others to be available and given out at Back to School Night. Principal to send out e-mail to remind people.
- Membership: Membership is our largest fundraiser. Promoting “Reach out and Touch Ten People”. Membership chairperson Denise MaGuire asking existing members to get 10 of their friends to join PTA. She send e-mail to all teachers inviting them to the meeting and asking them to join. Trish B. to send Denise M. a .pdf to send to membership.

9. New Business

- Staff a PTA Table at up-coming events: Use opportunity to create a forum for PTA awareness.
- Suicide: Discussion that PTA should address the issue of Suicide. Many feel it is a topic that has not be discussed enough with students, and community.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Denise MaGuire. Seconded by Helen Hehir.
Motion voted on, and passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 18, 2010 at 7:30pm