

September 2, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by PTO President Janis Boulware, a quorum being satisfied.

The reading and correction/approval of the August minutes were postponed to the September meeting due to time constraints of teachers who were presenting funding requests.

Ms. Davis of the Social Studies Department presented her requests. Rose Hache moved to fund the Social Studies Department a total of \$8,000, which will include \$2841 for five teachers to attend the NCSS Convention as requested by Ms. Bell, and the balance is to fund Ms. Davis' request for a reconfigured \$5250. The motion was seconded by Leslie Bourne. The parents agreed it is imperative that the PTO help the BHS educators with education in our complex world, and the motion was carried. Mr. Salem was requested to check out requesting reimbursement from financial managers related to the Annenberg Fund.

Under Officer and Committee Reports, the president asked committee members to introduce themselves and describe their functions.

Principal Mr. Tim Salem thanked everyone for contribution to a successful Open House. He challenged the PTO to come up with new ideas to assure that incoming 9th graders to get to graduation in four years.

As of the 11th day of school:

- 3295 students are enrolled and more are still enrolling
- 1060 are in 9th grade
- 805 are in 10th grade
- 728 are in 11th grade
- 702 are in 12th grade

A new Assistant Principal has been hired: David Jackson (bilingual)
One nurse position remains open.

Old Business:

- After Prom and not PTO will be publishing a student directory.
- Prom is May 8, 2004 at the Hyatt Downtown.
- Senior dues are \$40 in September and go up as months pass.

New Business:

Various fundraising possibilities were discussed but no firm decisions made.

Funding Requests

Stage piano with locking cover discussed.

Social Worker's Fund: She requests an amount such as \$500 that can be used at her discretion. This was passed.

Celebration Cards will make it easy to give praise and communicate good news to parents, students, and teachers.

A covering for the outdoor basketball court was discussed at length.

Budget: Approximately \$40,000 is available. A motion was carried to reserve \$25,000 for the covering for the basketball courts with the intention of asking the Alumni Association for matching funds. A motion was carried to form a committee "Gimme Shelter" to research funding to cover the outdoor basketball courts.

Motion passed: Purchase Celebration Cards for \$350.

Motion passed: fund Sharon Brenner's Social Worker's Fund with \$500.

BHS bumper stickers will be on sale at meetings, etc.

The next meeting will be October 7, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Giuffrida, MD
Secretary