

Bellaire High School PTO Minutes
November 2, 2004 **Multipurpose Room**

Opening - **Nancy Brown** called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm on November 2, 2004. Parliamentarian Carol Brush verified that a quorum was present. The minutes from the October meeting had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting. There were no corrections. The minutes were approved as presented.

AfterProm 2005 - **Penelope Loughhead** of the AfterProm 2005 Committee announced that their fundraiser Breakfast at Bellaire would be held this Saturday, November 6th in the Bellaire High School Cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event is open to the public with \$5.00 admission and Outback Steakhouse would be catering food. Their live auction would feature Channel 8's Jerome Grey as auctioneer and would include such items as five parking spaces on Maple, a beach house, a flight to South Padre with lunch. The Silent auction includes a Safeway Driving Class, YMCA membership, JCC membership, restaurants, many art events, and sports events. She left fliers for the event and asked parents to help publicize the Breakfast at Bellaire.

College Information Nights - Nancy announced that additional college preparation events would be held this year. On Tuesday, **November 16, at 7:00 p.m.** A college workshop will be delivered by Carol Safran, College Mentor. This will be in the multipurpose room. She will discuss picking colleges, looking at college funding sources, deciding if Ivy League is an option, and other topics.

Treasurer's Report – **Becky Grinstead** reported that as of October 31, 2004, our cash accounts total \$79,839.70. So far we have received \$9,700 from our general fundraiser and \$10,124 from membership. The fundraiser is on target to meet budgeted goals and the membership level is exceeding the budgeted rate. Another reminder letter about the general fundraiser is due out this week.

Teacher Grants – **Cheryl Levy** reported that her committee had considered 16 requests from teachers for funding. The committee decides on funding amounts under \$3000. Requests over that amount are submitted directly to the PTO.

Cheryl reported approval of the following awards for the Fall Grant Cycle:

- **K. Brown/Orchestra** received \$1500 for musical instruments and supplies.
- **A. Clarke/PE** received \$1000 for volleyball equipment.
- **G. Dwyer and S. Goeuriot/French and Cultures** received \$1625 for an LCD projector and case.
- **B. Harris/Special Ed** received \$650 toward a field trip for her students.
- **Coach Kramer/PE** received \$1000 for basketball supplies, golf supplies and tournament fees.
- **M. Lopez/Communication Applications** received \$900 for a TV/VCR.
- **P. Munson and G. Silver/Theatre** received \$2971.88 for a theatrical lighting system, multimedia video projector, printer, and video camera.
- **K. O’Neal/PE** received \$1500 for wrestling equipment.
- **C. Smith/Art History, Government and Economics** received \$1000 for an LCD projector.
- **A. Sperotto/World History and Clubs** received \$1205.79 for a display case.
- **J. Walker/U.S. History** received \$800 for historical novels to supplement his curriculum.

The PTO is pleased to be able to award **\$14,152.67** for the Fall Grant Cycle. Funds will also become available in the Spring Grant Cycle.

Parent Handbook – Carol Brush has met with Mr. Salem to complete finalizing information for the parent handbook. Just a few minor changes are needed before it goes to print. HISD will be printing the

handbook. Distribution is geared at one per family. The distribution method - whether the handbooks will be sent home with students is yet to be decided. The finished handbooks will be ready approximately November 14.

Carol has volunteered to update the handbook for the 2005 school year. But someone will need to be responsible for updating the handbook each year after that. Carol thanked all the parents for their help and ideas.

Principal's Report – Mr. Salem reported there were only 13 days till Thanksgiving Holiday. This week is magnet week. The volleyball team has playoffs on Thursday. The football playoffs start November 14. The senior panoramic picture will be done Wednesday morning at 9:30. Some students would be taking the SAT on Saturday. Report cards will be distributed November 9. November 16 will be early dismissal to allow faculty training/coaching. This will be the 2nd of 6 early dismissals for PLC sessions.

The counselors have arranged for Veteran's Day recognition activities on November 11 to include a program in the auditorium.

The finals schedule is being updated and will be posted online. Holiday program times are posted on the calendar online.

Bellaire funding levels for the 2004-2005 school year are based on the count of 3389 students on October 29.

Additional Funding Requests – Mr. Dunlap has asked for **\$5000** for **2 classroom pianos** to be purchased as replacements for untunable old pianos. Janice Boulware moved to approve the purchase. This was seconded by Christianne Melanson. The motion carried.

Marlene Rubin asked for postage to send announcements to parents of important school meetings, such as the November 11 meeting next week for Junior parents to discuss college entrance requirements and testing and scholarship consideration. The PTO voted to approve up to **\$1000 for postage** to be paid out of PTO funds as these parent mailings occur.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be December 7 at 7:30 p.m.