

Bellaire High School PTO Minutes
May 3, 2005 **Choir Room**

Opening – President Nancy Brown called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm on May 3, 2005. We met in the Choir Room as the Multipurpose Room was set up for the AP testing being done all week.

PTO Scholarship Recipients – **Leslie Bourne** introduced the three scholarship winners for the \$2500 PTO scholarships. The winners are **Rachel Wilkins** who will be attending Texas A&M, **Xinchen Wang** who will attend Yale and **Josué Serpas** who will attend the University of Houston. All were present to receive the recognition along with their families.

Teacher of the Year – **Phyllis Cohn** presented the results from the students voting on Teacher of the Year. The teacher winning the category for 3 years and under is **Lucy Seward**, 11th grade English. The teacher recognized in the category for over 3 years teaching at BHS was **Margaret Egan** who teaches Geography. Nancy Brown thanked Phyllis and the committee for doing a fine job in tallying the votes.

Teacher Grants – **Cheryl Levy** reported that teacher grants amounting to \$11,556.62 had been awarded for the spring semester. Grants included \$3000 to the yearbook operations for upgrading computers and software, travel money for postcards, etc. for travel across England, purchasing paper for the debate squad's document copying needs, a camcorder for the Spanish language class practicing skills & animation, funds for chess club, and a projector for the AP US History classes.

Minutes – The minutes from the April 5 meeting were approved after making a spelling correction.

Stanford Tests – Ms. Shoulders reported that test results showed scores had improved over last year.

Treasurer – The report as of April 30, 2005 shows a total of \$70,467.82 in PTO cash accounts. Becky Grinstead reported that some expenses haven't hit yet and also some teacher grant disbursements were still pending. As a result, the PTO has approximately \$30,000 in funds in addition to the \$10,000 required for year to year carryover. This sum is a result of all the fundraisers, pizza sales, etc. Becky thanked the PTO committees and members for their fine fundraising efforts. The treasurer's report was approved.

Study Abroad – Ed Klein and his committee will meet within the next 2 weeks and decide the scholarship recipients from among the 8 applications received. Students have applied who are traveling to Mexico, Costa Rica, Chile, Hong Kong, Taiwan and England. \$2500 in scholarship funds will be distributed.

Food Sales – Linda Rosen reported that the Chick-fil-A sales program has raised \$25,621 for the PTO.

Parent Values Committee – Ms. Shoulders thanked Christianne Melanson, Cheryl Levy Kathleen Brown, et al for their participation in this committee. She also thanked the PTO for the incentives they had funded that enabled her to give struggling kids an extra push.

SDMC – The next meeting will be May 19.

PTO Officers for 2005-2006 – Nancy Brown introduced the slate of candidates for the next year. A unanimous vote was made for the slate of officers. The slate includes:

President	Nancy Brown
Executive VP	Katie Coughlen
Secretary	Norma Eiman
Treasurer	Karen Robinson
VP Fundraising/ Membership	Liz Kuntz & Ed Klein
VP VIPS	Jeanette Sebesta & Renuka Trivedi

SDMC Vote – The three candidates running for SDMC position made brief speeches before the PTO. Christianne Melanson, Julie Pomerantz and Heidi Askew each spoke before the vote was taken. Written ballots were cast. The winner of the SDMC Parent Representative vote was **Christianne Melanson**.

Pool Proposal – **Kris Wingenroth**, the swim coach, discussed the pool repair options. With 85 students on the swim team, the aging pool needs replastering, addition of depth markers, new drain covers, additional electrical outlets in the area and lane markings. It was moved that up to \$23,000 be allocated to the pool repairs. The motion was seconded and the vote was taken. All approved the expenditure.

Shelving Proposal – Some steel shelving is needed to store counselor's records. Approximately \$1000 in shelving may be needed. No vote was taken pending the receipt of more information.

In executive committee action conducted via email on May 24, approval was subsequently made to approve a purchase of shelving for \$2002 to be used in the 3rd floor storage room.

Principal's Report – Principal Tim Salem was attending the Scholars Banquet and had asked Assistant Principal **Dave DeBlasio** to give the report.

Mr. DeBlasio reported that the Senior Prom held last month was great and so was the National Honor Society induction ceremony held last Thursday. BHS is currently involved in conducting AP testing this week. Finals will begin on May 23rd.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned by President Nancy Brown at 9:02 p.m. A delicious cake was served in celebration of the successful PTO year.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Eiman
PTO Secretary