

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - JANUARY 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Andrea Shosfy at 9:10 a.m.

Approve Minutes: The minutes of the October 17 and November 14, 2007, General Membership Meetings were presented. A motion was made by Nancy Harter to approve the minutes which was seconded by Sandra West and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Isabel McBrayer distributed copies of the budget through November 14, 2007, and today's date. The front page reflects the budget vs. actual income and expenses to date while the back page reflects a proposed amendment to the budget which members will be voting on today.

At our last meeting, members voted to move money to the Special Projects-Unallocated account. We have now closed out several items that no longer need funds and are proposing that those funds be moved into Special Projects-Unallocated as well. The new proposed budget is a reallocation of funds and closing out of items that are now complete. Jennifer Wollmann moved to approve the January 16, 2008, budget as amended. The motion was seconded by Lynne Schaefer and all voted for approval.

Special Projects Vote: Ms. Wollmann explained the spread sheet showing the desired distribution of the Special Projects – Unallocated funds. The principal, EESAC, and the PTSA pooled their funds. The source of funds shows that the PTSA's part is \$25,000 which the Executive Board has already approved.

After discussion, Nancy Harter made a motion to approve up to \$25,000 from the PTSA Special Projects fund to pay for the requests on the MPSH 2007-2008 Special Projects spreadsheet (including the Performing Arts request for \$4,742). The motion was seconded by Lynne Schaefer and approved.

The committee was thanked for all their hard work and, hopefully, this procedure will be followed in the future because it worked so well.

Taste of Pinecrest: Brochures for the March 9th event were available. We will need volunteers from PHS at the event.

Property Tax Amendment – January 29th Ballot: Ms. Wollmann told us that a non-partisan outline of the proposed tax amendment can be viewed at VoteSmartFlorida.org. Gail Serota provided a hand out explaining the pros and cons of the other ballot amendments.

Feeder Pattern Meeting: The meeting is scheduled for January 23rd at 7 p.m. in our school auditorium. It will deal with the proposed tax amendment including a panel discussion and question and answer period.

Principal's Report: Mr. Weiner wished all a happy and healthy new year. He thanked Ms. Wollmann and Ms. Shosfy and the other PTSA members who worked closely with him in getting the "wish list" resolved. Now the procedure is formalized and all requests are on one form. Everyone's requests are prioritized. It has become a successful, seamless process. The committee did an outstanding job.

On January 23rd, 8th grade students from Palmetto and Southwood are going to be bused to PHS to introduce them to what life is like on this campus. We are hoping to

encourage students to stay in their feeder pattern and not go to Coral Reef or other magnet schools.

Tonight at 7 p.m., CAP Advisor Sally Coords is conducting a college financial aid workshop. Report cards should go home in the next two weeks. Please utilize the school's website for updated information.

There is no school on Friday and Monday is the Martin Luther King holiday. He thanked the PTSA for buying a table for the Teacher of the Year event. Science teacher Terri Ortiz is one of the finalists.

January 29th is the primary date and Mr. Weiner encouraged our young people who can vote to vote. Parents will soon receive connect-ed messages about February 5th parent-teacher conferences. Contact his secretary, Hope Longest, to schedule an appointment. He feels the conferences are very worthwhile. Parents can see one teacher or all of them.

Spanish teacher, Janet Obregon, is retiring in February. We are actively interviewing and do have prospects to replace a 10th grade English teacher who hadn't returned from the holiday break.

Alcohol/Drug Program: Sima Miska did an amazing job with a turnout from 300 to 500 people at the November 14th meeting. Many thanks!

Staff Holiday Luncheon: Teachers and staff were appreciative and said the PTSA did a very nice job. Thanks to Debbie Rosenthal, Robin Laidlaw, and all their volunteers for the excellent job they did.

New School to Open – Evelyn Greer: School Board Member Evelyn Greer has tentative plans to attend our March meeting and speak about the new high school which has broken ground near Indian Hammocks Park on 117th Avenue and 84th Street.

Nominating Committee: Volunteers are needed to be on the Nominating Committee for next year. Incoming middle school parents are welcome to participate.

Announcements: The Drama Department's dinner to raise funds for the Helen Witty Scholarship is scheduled for January 17th. Claudia Glasson has the practice SAT test results available for parents whose children took the test last month. The next EESAC meeting is January 22nd at 2:40 p.m. in Room 1005. Media Specialist Dian Adjamah invited members to enjoy the cultural experience of the African American Reading Chain planned for February 4th throughout the school day (except 1st and 4th periods). Our next meeting is on February 20th at 7 p.m. featuring a College Panel to speak to parents and students. February 14th is the deadline for the newsletter (contact Jill Bloom at Bloomsie@gmail.com).

Ms. Shosfy wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked us for supporting the PTSA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am.

Respectfully submitted by
Roxy Lancella, Recording Secretary

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