

Atholton HS PTSA Executive Board Sept. 23, 2008

7:00 Media Center

Objects read by Beth Sellers

Welcome to guests

Danielle Bassett, HoCo Parks & Recreation- Free Style Teen Program, Voices for Change

Danielle described the new programs for teens: Free Style run at [Ridgley's](#) Run Community Center; drop in programs; Guitar Hero tournament; basketball program; many activities. Looking for feedback from parents on activities to offer- what would your child like to participate in? What are they already involved in? Main audience is 7th to 10th grade. [They are](#) looking to add additional locations throughout the county, especially to offer special events.

Voices for Change- looking for hang out places other than mall, movies. Teen coalition in HoCo school system; 2-3 teens from each HS in the group. Group meets monthly, presents recommendations to Board of Ed, other groups. VfC created the idea for Free Style program. 6 – 10 AHS students have been participating. Danielle handed out goody bags, and is looking for each parent to fill out the form requesting info on potential teen programs.

Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report- new format presented by Judy Bruce.

Administrator's Report- Ms. Leonard. Great start to the school year. BSAP Coordinator hired- Eric Burnett (previously Special Ed ass't at AHS). Will hire [someone](#) to replace him ASAP. [Administrators](#) getting into classrooms for observations (all new hires at a minimum): informal drop ins, not in response to problems. Staff focus is COLLABORATION. Curriculum teams meeting monthly, looking for [additional](#) resources to support those teams. Prof. Dev. Day will be led by in house experts. Kid focus is [relationships](#); 5 homeroom meetings so far on this. Another homeroom has been on clubs & activities. [Another on Academic Integrity](#). How many staff support AHS outside of classroom? - [Many!](#) Leadership / club / sport: 99/111 involved in at least one way. Bus loop is a big success, being evaluated by school system traffic expert. HSA students in trouble are getting support. College Prep [night](#) was very helpful. Gentle nudge to lower the number of ESchool Newsletters, while maintaining the policy of sending too much if in doubt.

President's Report- see Caryn's written report. Highlights: great beginning to the school year. PTSA will support larger number of students attending college visitations. PTSA is now the host of the Princeton Review SAT prep session. Student clubs' [funding will](#) be decided in October. Please submit questions for Oct.23 BOE candidates' forum: panel then informal questions. Our Board member, Diane Mikulis, will attend our Oct. 28 Board meeting, she has specific questions for us. Nov. 11 is Dessert with Principal- looking for suggestions to increase participation; FACS students will provide hospitality to both events. MDPTA Awards- looking for nominees & help submitting packages. Security Office is seeking Courtesy on the Road person at each school- minimal commitment, could be good for dads. HoCo GT Office- Student Film Festival, all student work, some AHS students have been leaders and award winners; looking for \$40 from each HS PTSA (vote taken

during “New Business” portion of meeting). Will present summer leadership conference results later. Make sure all Board members have black PTSA T-shirt.

PTACouncil Delegate- PTAC looking to learn about skills available within locals, please fill out PTAC Talent Bank, especially looking to participate in policy review committees. National goal is for each local to increase membership by 5%. Motion was made to spend down large carry-over by giving each HS a \$500 grant toward After Prom. **Barenda Kimble moves that AHS PTSA accept the \$500 grant, and supporting all the grants for After Prom, Teresa Wasil seconded.** Discussion on funding PTAC. **Motion carried.** PTAC wants to establish goals for this year; Gale will email choices to Board for our priorities.

SGA Report- Jackie Sams- preparing for Homecoming on Oct. 11. Theme is “Cities”, Srs= Las Vega; Jrs = NYC; Soph= Honolulu ; Fresh= New Orleans. Pep rally will be focused on class competitions; dance will perform. Spirit Days (4): Wacky Tacky, twin, costume, green black & white. Penny Wars (charity event) offered as a class competition, proceeds to Grass Roots. 11 new fresh SGA board members were elected at recent assembly.

New Work Plans- Drama Booster Liaison= Laurie Diener. Moved to approve by Barb Slayton, seconded by Lisa Bader, motion carries.

Grocery Receipts Work Plan submitted- Joan Brittingham agreed to chair. **Move to approve by Susan Lustbader, seconded by Kathy Faber, motion carries.** Funds go directly to school, does not have usual PTSA strings. Last year’s \$ was used for new computers, TVs, for some classrooms. You can register online. Kayle shared a tip on how to find your Giant number: ID number on bottom of receipt, add “4” at beginning of string. Pam will post this tip in newsletter. Consider having sign-ups at evening event.

Still need a few more positions filled on Board. Please submit remaining work plans by next meeting.

Website- Kayle Simons- redesigning website to make it easier to find things, better organized, get stuff out of .pdf format. Launch over holidays.

Community Outreach- with Grass Roots. Amy Levitt arranging tour- Oct 14? Around 7 interested in after school / evening tour and looking for volunteer / partnering opportunities.

Reflections – Dana Echols- sent info, will start making displays this month; will use front case, Giant, walls etc. Want all submissions before holiday break. Theme is “WOW”

Hospitality- written report sent, thanks to Monica & Ellen for tonight’s refreshments.

Immediate Past President- Becky Joiner

Snack Shop – Judy Bruce & Teresa Wasil- selling tons of snacks, volunteers are good. Written report submitted.

Newsletter- very large this month, 30 pages so far. Nov. issue submissions are due on Oct. 10.

SIT- first meeting was last week, written report was submitted, Alka Chandler.

Community Connections- Sherri Tatum- written report submitted. Feedback on possible topics, targeted toward families- approval for State of Nation on Race, Gender; Tough Love, psych problems- may be too broad, narrow down; HSA night; Career Night; Real Friends Don't Let Friends Go Down (this means "conflicts"- careful with language); Music Influences (HS may be too old) not enough interest; Defining Parental Liability- parties, responsibilities- strong interest in this topic, look to HC Drug Free for resources; look to offer during another event so we don't preach to the choir, make sure students hear this also. Sherri still needs more volunteers. Will email topics to SGA for their input.

Alumni Relations- Mary Ellen Creasy submitted report. Mort Mortimer is back to work after long recuperation from car accident.

HC Drug Free- Sherri Berman- Teen to Teen program this Thursday evening, talk it up for good participation. Panel of teens "You Are Not Alone" will discuss alcohol, recovery, how to say no; will be good conversation starter. Health teachers may offer homework incentives. Another program will be offered at Long Reach on teen self reliance.

Staff Appreciation- Debbie Meteyer- will give cookies, fresh baked cookies this month. We will send Ms. Hearns basket of "Boredom Busters". Put contributions in PTA box in office.

Directory- Robyn Seigel-will send ESchool Newsletter soliciting directory ads.

POPS- written report submitted. Long time POPS volunteer had to resign due to disability. Has offered to [volunteer elsewhere](#), Ms. Leonard will help place this volunteer.

Sports Boosters Liaison- Barb Slayton- co-sponsoring Homecoming Breakfast, 8 – 10:30, need volunteers.

Awards- Joy found Lowe's Toolbox grant which could apply for construction of stadium bathrooms, \$100,000

Membership- written report, 655 as of tonight. Sue Bell sending out [membership](#) cards.

BSAP- Barend Kimble- written report submitted on BSAP.

College Planning Work Group - Susan Lustbader- getting work group on College Planning going, early event may be SAT / ACT prep [class, shorter](#) & less \$ than traditional offerings.

After Prom – written report, Sharon Nussbaum, many returning leaders. Barnes & Noble Book Fair may be held on Dec. 8, they will set up tables w/ [specialty](#) books, we get after prom prizes based on all sales credited to us including coffee shop, may include student entertainment.

Summer Leadership Conference- experience will be shared by Lisa Bader & Caryn Lasser at another meeting.

Old Business- none

New Business- motion to donate \$40 to HoCo Student Film Festival moved by Sharon Nussbaum, seconded by Barend Kimble. Discussion on who benefits; [it](#) has been publicized with posters, teachers explaining. **Motion carries.**

Meeting ended 9 PM