

## TJ PTSA

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, March 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President, Jean Wavle at 7:03 p.m. and opened with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the January 11, 2010 meeting were read and were approved by Terri Withers and seconded by Amy Ray. Amy then gave the treasurer's report for the current period. The report will be placed on file for audit. There was no new correspondence.

### Committee Reports:

- Reflections Committee – one honorable mention for Nick Detweiler.
- PTA Council Representative – no meetings held.
- Nominating Committee – all officers have expressed an interest in staying for next year. Official nominations will occur at the next meeting in May.
- Spring BBQ will be held on May 28th. An official chairperson was not named. Discussion around traffic flow, tickets and hand-stamps ensued with plans to discuss with John Rambo from Metz Food Service.
- Graduation breakfast will be held on June 2, 2010 as this should be the last practice prior to graduation unless the date changes because of snow days. Volunteers will be needed from about 7:15 am to 8:45 am.
- Discussion regarding the homecoming parade, floats and bonfire for next year took place. Class officer elections will take place during PSSAs so that classes can plan for their floats and so that supplies can be ordered over the summer. Amy Ray said she would contact Shaler H.S. to see where they get the flatbeds for their floats.

### New Business:

- The Pennsylvania State PTA organization has increased dues for 2010-2011 by \$1.00 per member to cover cost increases. Discussion followed as to whether to remain part of this organization (PTA) or move to create our own PTO. The membership expressed a real interest if we could save the money that we currently pay to belong to the State PTA and use it for our kids and programs that would benefit them directly. Kathy LoPresti made a motion to investigate moving to a PTO, which was seconded by Amy Ray. Jean Wavle and Paige Polick (President of PHMS PTA) will look into what this might mean for our organization and report back to us at the next meeting.

### Old Business:

- None

### Principal's Report:

- Mr. Haselhoff discussed the recent "test stealing" issue in the Junior class and informed us of how the situation was being handled.
- Zoo dance went well although Mr. Haselhoff felt that the venue wasn't really large enough for the event to grow.
- A discussion ensued regarding why the kids don't seem to like dances or activities held at the school. The PTSA could sponsor a "Welcome to TJ" dance/activities night for new

freshman early in the school year and provide them with information on the various activities, clubs, groups they can become involved in at TJ. Prizes, T-shirts and other fun ideas were discussed. Upper class participation would be limited to those giving info on activities/clubs or those helping with games, entertainment, etc. More to come at the May meeting.

Next meeting is Monday, May 10, 2010 at 6:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Kathy LoPresti; seconded: Amy Ray.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ellgass, Secretary