

PLHS Pointer Association
April 13, 2015 Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Respectfully Submitted by: Heather Lutz, Secretary

In attendance: Kevin O'Beirne, Hans Becker, Sarah Brandl, Ian Law, Terri Webster, Renatte Adler, Maria Gibson, Tacy Armstrong, Tracy Moore-Schoonmaker, Laurie Benham, Angelica Wilson, Vicki Moats, Rebecca Mashburn, Noelle Phillips, Karen Duvall-Meyer, Heidi Mather, Brant Brockett, Andrea Justus, Simone O'Connell and Heather Lutz.

Meeting called to order at 6:06p.m.

Introductions and General Business - Kevin O'Beirne

- Closing loop for funding the PLHS wheelchair challenge and wounded warriors. The School picked up the costs and the PA did not have any expenses.
- Pointer Association year-end social at Heidi Mather's house. Date: Friday, May 29 at 5:30PM. Please invite new parents who would like to get involved for next year.

VOTE -

Approval of March 9, 2015 Minutes

Motion to Approve – Kevin O'Beirne

Second to Motion to Approve – Maria Gibson

Amendments: Ian Law suggested the accordion comment be stricken from the record, but this was respectfully denied.

Vote – all in favor, none opposed, none abstained

Principal's Report – Hans Becker

- School has gone through the WASC accreditation final report and it went very well. The seven evaluators from across California were very impressed with PLHS. Positive feedback regarding the positive manner of the Pointer Association, dynamic teachers and staff, polite student body, instruction is very student centered. Impressed with diversity in AP classes, pride of student body, amazed by the cohesiveness of classified staff, The culture and the environment of working at PLHS is very positive and is supported by the Administration. Opportunities for improvement: Reaching out to bilingual families better, even more diversity in AP classes, counseling and guidance department work with every student at least annually. Will hear in May what the actual accreditation term will be.
- College board is coming in to do an AP diagnostic evaluation. They will give us recommendations regarding our AP program. Another set of eyes to assist the school in managing and providing AP programs.
- We have a budget for the school next year. More details to follow.
- Lock down last week. – Debrief of the event. Lessons learned for future preparedness.
- Senior Awards Night – June 4th. New and improved ideas for the event.

- Underclass Awards Ceremony - May 27th (2:30).
- Thank you everyone for helping out with the track meet on Saturday.

Treasurer's Report – Carleen Berry (not present); Kevin presented

- Pointer Association managing total funds approximately \$398,000 (these include all Booster accounts and alumni accounts and anything under the PA umbrella). Non-earmarked (PA discretionary) funds = \$23,500.
- Determining how much to set aside in reserve for late this spring and summer expenses prior to fall membership and eScrip funds. After the Bite of Point Loma event, we will determine the amount of money available for the Spring AAAs.

ASB Report – ASB President 2014-2015 – Gianna Gibson (not present)

- No report

VP of Programs – Renatte Adler

- Spring AAA solicitation requests have been received. Twenty-nine excellent applications from faculty and staff for a total of \$56,000. This is typical and normal. Whatever we are not able to fund we are hoping the gala will help to support. Will get Mr. Becker's input, any revisions and then the committee will meet to discuss the requests and bring recommendations back to the full board for discussion and approval.
- Question: Is there a request to get unfunded requests out to the larger community? This is a great idea and perhaps we can place some of the needs on the DAG website. Maybe this can be done after the AAA funding occurs and those projects not funded can be publicized. We will continue to discuss this issue.

VP of Community and School Relations – Andrea Justus

- No report

Membership Solicitation Campaigns – Diane Sullivan/Debi Heramb (not present)

- No report

Fundraising Plan – Bite of Point Loma II – Tuesday, April 21 - Maria Gibson, Andrea Justus, Karen Duvall-Meyer

- Four new restaurants this year, Vons, Point Loma Tea, Panera Bread and Soda and Swine but there are many restaurants that are returning
- We have flyers and need help posting these flyers.
- Everyone will receive a map but we still need more student volunteers (need 4 or 5 more student volunteers)
- Having the PLHS band is very tricky because of all the hoops we need to run through.
- We have 124 tickets sold. [Post-meeting note: event sold-out with 275 tickets sold.]
- On line items go live tomorrow. Still need donations for items.
- Hans Becker will push this out to staff again.

- Thanks to Dan Mashburn for printing all of flyers.

Athletic Boosters - Tacy Armstrong

- Future Pointers K-8 track meet, which provides funds for the POP Program. There were approximately 300 kids participating. Thank you for all who volunteered.
- At last month's booster council meeting, a decision was made that, if in the future a POP email needs to go out to the athletic community, POP will be allowed to use the athletic booster email lists because the POP program serves the greater good.
- Next Monday is the next booster council meeting and there will be a discussion about coaches' gifts.

Art Boosters – Renatte Adler

- Bye Bye Birdie starts this week. Please buy tickets and clap loudly.
- Rhapsody music students (band and orchestra) will be performing on May 8th at Humphreys. A French horn group will be guest performers.
- The wind ensemble went and played for the St. Vincent Homeless shelter and it was packed with all sorts of people who listened for an hour and were excited, engaged and interested. It was a very moving evening.
- Regarding Culture Point, the Boosters are finding it to be a heavy commitment to show up on Thursdays. The Boosters are hoping that something will happen to increase attendance. It is a nice event but there is very little community attendance.
- The Peninsula Bands are playing Tuesday night, the Choir is playing Wednesday and the orchestra is playing Thursday of this week. Starts with Dana, Correia, PLHS and PLNU.
- Music students went to audition for the Districts Honor Band and Orchestra and over 20 were selected. They played over at Copley Symphony Hall yesterday afternoon.

Volunteer Programs - Tracy Moore-Schoonmaker

- Emails have been going out for all of the volunteer activities.
- This has been an effective way to gain volunteer support for a variety of PLHS and PA activities/events.

Senior Year End Activities – Tracy Moore-Schoonmaker, Laurie Benham, Barbara Shirts

- Grad Night – A lot of work has gone into this. A lot of tickets have been purchased. Sold more than 125 tickets in two days. It will be on June 12th. Kids are excited about it. Registering the date and getting this planned including buses early made a big difference especially if you want to do this Friday night. (Next year Wendy Vandenhelder and Jenny La Rocco will be doing this). They encouraged students to register early and together in order to pick their buses – each bus seems to have its own personality. Food is included in this event. Doing a lot of detailed proactive work to support this event.

Alumni Association - Kim Jessop (not present)

- No report

Athletic Director – Alex Van Heuven (not present)

- No report

New Business, Roundtable & Announcements

- Ian Law spoke about teacher contract negotiations and offered that the current salary level is not drawing cream of the crop teachers. He wanted to make certain the PA board understands the teachers who are making their point and cause in public.
- Sarah Brandl: AP exams are ready to go. On line sign ups seemed to work well, counseling is planning year-end awards ceremonies and planning for next year.
- Renatte indicated she had a recent positive, quick response from her student's counselor.
- Tacy Armstrong asked about who will benefit from the practice ACT and SATs coming up. It is a POP fundraiser. Will there be more?

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.