



## **Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association Minutes of the General Meeting of June 14, 2011**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. Remembrance of Aileen Chen: The Co-Presidents expressed deep regret on the passing of Stuyvesant sophomore Aileen Chen. The PA made a generous donation to the family. Members of the Stuy community and the Alumni Association also made donations to the family. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Aileen.
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. The Co-Presidents gave all members time to review the minutes of the May 24, 2011 General Membership Meeting. After a brief interval, a motion was made to adopt the minutes of the May meeting. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.
4. Message from Principal Teitel: Principal Teitel thanked the Co-Presidents, SLT members, the Executive Board and parent volunteers for their service to the school. He reported that Stuyvesant will hold a memorial assembly in remembrance of Aileen Chen. The assembly is primarily for the sophomores but all are welcome. The Principal reported that Stuyvesant will institute a dress code for the 2012 school year. He wished everyone a happy and healthy summer and wished all senior parents and students well. He is looking forward to seeing all senior students on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
5. Financial Report: The Treasurer reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement for May. Income from fundraising is approximately \$314,000. Approximately \$233,000 has been spent and total revenue is approximately \$512,000. It was reported that the \$325,000 budget for next year was voted on and approved at the May 24 General Membership meeting.
6. Election of School Leadership Team Members:
  - a. The Second Vice President conducted the SLT elections. All candidates were invited to the stage to address the membership. Each candidate made a brief presentation on their candidacy. The Second VP indicated that completed ballots must be deposited in the ballot box outside the auditorium.
7. Ratification of By-Laws Amendments: The Second Vice President reviewed the proposed changes to the Stuyvesant Parents Association By-Laws. It was explained that the changes are promulgated by revisions to the Chancellor's A660 regulations governing the activities of school PA's. A motion was made to approve the proposed revisions to the By-Laws. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.
8. Appropriations Approval:
  - a. The Co-Presidents presented a final list of recommended 2011 appropriations to the membership. The Executive Board recommended approval of nine funding requests totaling approximately \$36,000. The requests include funding for Boys Varsity Basketball; Boys Volleyball Team; Boys and Girls Track; Girls Volleyball; Photo Club & Classes; Tech Class; Video & Production; and Orchestra. A motion to approve the recommended appropriations was made. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.
9. Year End Recap from Co-Presidents:
  - a. The Co-Presidents reviewed the major accomplishments of the past year. Highlights include:
    - i. Obtaining Title 1 funding.
    - ii. Better communication with parents including improved programming at PA meetings, Assistant Principal presentations at meetings, improved Stuyvesant PA website and improved Bulletin format.
    - iii. Doubled the number of families served by the college office advisement sessions.
    - iv. Better engagement with the school and improved Parent Outreach.
    - v. Improved appropriations and funding for school activities.
    - vi. Active College Committee.
    - vii. Well regarded Faculty Receptions.

- viii. Improved fundraising activities.
  - ix. Improved Executive Board continuity including audit procedures; updated By-Laws; Appropriations guidelines; and updated PA Officer's Handbook for future administrations.
  - b. The Co-Presidents reported that the PA accomplished its mission for the year and thanked the Executive Board for their service.
10. Special Thanks to graduating Stuy parents:
- a. The incoming Co-Presidents thanked Alex and Wai Wah for their service and thanked graduating parents of the EB and others who served the school community. Including Lucy Chen, Wai Wah Chin, Rong Cao, Yunmi Kim, Anna Lin, Michelle Man, Emily Shapiro, Paul Bauer, Dave Gibson, and Lee Levitt.
11. Featured Event:
- a. The Co-Presidents introduced the contestants for Stuyvesant Jeopardy. The contestants included Mr. Matt Polazzo, Social Studies Department, Jeopardy 2011; Dave Venderbush, Parent, Jeopardy 1993; Henry Grossberg, Executive Director, Stuy Alumni Association; and Stuyvesant Quiz Bowl Students.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Paul Bauer, Recording Secretary*