



Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association Minutes of the General Meeting June 12, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of May 22, 2012 Meeting:
 - a. The minutes from the May 22, 2012 meeting were approved following a motion, seconding and voting.
3. Review of May Financial Reports and Projected Year End Summary:
 - a. Treasurer Bill Kaczmarek presented the financial report.
 - b. Annual appeal total to date is \$208,000 out of a budgeted \$234,000.
 - c. Total income to date: \$289,000 out of a budget of \$ 328,000.
 - d. Bill explained that the budget is a target. The money we collect one year is available to support the expenses for the next year. If we raise less this year, less will be available to spend next year.
4. Message from the Principal, Stan Teitel and Brief Q&A:
 - a. Principal Teitel explained the lack of air conditioning. One of two chillers went down in April. The DOE declined to fix it because we have another chiller. The second chiller failed at the end of May. The system will be repaired over the summer. By the time students return in the fall, the AC should be working.
 - b. The pool deck will be retiled beginning this summer; there will be no swimming classes in the fall.
 - c. The library may be renovated over the summer, but the permits have not yet been issued. This may need to be put off for a year, if the permit is not issued by mid-July. The Writing Center may have to be temporarily relocated if the library is renovated.
5. Message from the Parent Coordinator, Harvey Blumm:
 - a. Parent Coordinator Harvey Blumm gave advice to parents whose children are wait-listed for a class. Harvey suggested that students see the departmental AP before end of school and also in early September to show that the student is still interested in the class.
 - b. Harvey Blumm discussed summer opportunities. Applications are still open for a program at the Rubin Museum of Art.
6. Co-President's Comments – Year-End Summary of 2011-2012 Accomplishments:
 - a. Co-President Barbara Reiser noted that there are college handbooks for sale in the back of the auditorium for junior families who want to prepare over the summer.
 - b. A student is doing a survey for an Intel project. Parents are encouraged to fill out the surveys that have to do with how people process news articles.
 - c. Co-President Barbara Reiser thanked the various committee chairs for their hard work and contributions to the school. She reached out for help with writing for the *Bulletin* and for volunteers to help with Camp Stuy.
7. Elections of 2012-2012 SLT Representatives:
 - a. Second Vice President Bruce Hood ran the election to select SLT representatives for the Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes.
 - b. Candidates in contested races were invited to the front of the auditorium to give a brief speech.
 - c. The following candidates made presentations:

Senior SLT:	Helen Barahal Michele Herman
Junior SLT:	Bonnie Beacher Jon Vanden Heuvel Helen Van Rhyn Spencer Wu

Note that Sophomore SLT representative candidates ran uncontested and did not make speeches.

- d. Votes were cast in the ballot box at the rear of the auditorium.
 - e. The sophomore SLT contest was resolved prior to the meeting. Lauren Coleman-Lochner and Barbara Reiser will serve as representatives and Pattianne Kelly will be the alternate.
8. Committee Updates:
- a. College Committee: Co-President Barbara Reiser announced that there will be group meetings with seniors in the fall to explain the college application process for students choosing to apply early to college. Students who want to apply early should indicate their interest in Student Tools right away or as soon as they have decided in September.
 - b. Parents were encouraged to contact the various committees to volunteer in the fall.
9. Announcement/Important Dates:
- a. Co-President Barbara Reiser called parents of graduating senior parents who to come forward for special thanks and special gifts for their dedication to the school through work with the PA.
 - b. Julie Sheinman, Faculty Contestant on Jeopardy and Coach of the Speech and Debate team thanked the PA for their generous support of the team.
 - c. Departmental Final Exams & Regents Exams – June 13 to June 21 (check schedule on school and PA websites.)
 - d. Corrections to absence records due by Wednesday, June 13 (submit requests to Marie Chin in room 203.)
 - e. Textbook returns – June 13 to June 21, 8am to 4pm, in school lobby.
 - f. Library Books – Return all library books to library mailbox on 2nd floor, near Room 209.
 - g. Graduation – Monday, June 25, 11:30 am, United Palace Theatre.
 - h. No school – Monday, June 25 for freshmen, sophomores and juniors.
 - i. Last two days of school – Tuesday, June 26 and Wednesday, June 27 (note: check school website for modified schedules.)
 - j. First day of school 2012-2013 – Thursday, September 6.
 - k. First General Meeting of 2012-2013 – Thursday, September 27 (note different day of week due to Sept. 25 religious holiday.)
10. The game of Jeopardy!
11. The Co-Presidents elect, Christina Ross and Peter Galasinao, thanked this year's Co-Presidents, Barbara Reiser and Wei Lam, and gave them token gifts.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm by following a motion that was seconded and approved by a show of hands.