

## **Huntington PTA Council November 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Bari Fehrs, Council President, at 9:54 am November 1, 2011.

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, approval of the minutes from the October 2011 meeting.

Treasurer's report by Jen Reda, Council Treasurer. Ms. Reda issued a reminder that PTA taxes are due November 15 and requested that each unit president follow up with their treasurer regarding this issue.

### **President's report and announcements:**

Homecoming went very well. There was a lot more district-wide involvement this year, including the superintendent and the assistant superintendent marching in the parade. Several PTA presidents as well as children from different buildings participated in the parade as well. Mrs. Fehrs discussed how to increase attendance at games for each sport, which would contribute to the overall spirit in the district. One idea was to have weekly announcements on the website pertaining to the week in sports and encouraging involvement.

Mrs. Fehrs shared the sad news of Mrs. Balasari, a teacher from Washington, passing away. Some additional recent sad events were mentioned as well. She also spoke of the tree planting for Woodhull student and Cub scout Patrick Hannon that took place on October 28th.

The High School will be having an Open House on November 2, November 16, and November 30th. All parents are invited to witness the school function on an average day. This is part of an ongoing effort to change negative perceptions that people may have and increase communication among different areas within the district. Parents may choose to attend any one of the three days. They will meet in the Heritage museum, divide into groups, see some classes and the cafeteria, and participate in a question and answer session with parents and students.

### **Unit Reports:**

Reports of current events at each school are submitted by the Council Delegates and are on file with the Council Secretary.

### **District Reports:**

Arts In Education: presently wrapping up a fundraiser. More details will be provided at the next Council Meeting.

Booster Club: The trailer is still out at games, there are new gloves and scarves. The annual golf outing fundraiser was very successful. The Booster Club is encouraging new membership,

HFEE: currently planning the gala January 20, 2012 at the Woodlands. They are asking PTA presidents to contact them about the basket donations for the Gala.

Board of Education: Trustees were presented with portraits created by children in the district to commemorate School Board Recognition week. The Siemens finalist and semifinalist had presentations. Financial projections regarding a 2% tax cap were discussed. Students from China are set to arrive in January and host families are needed.

**Final Business:**

The Family Service League's annual toy drive is ongoing. Please bring new and unwrapped toys to the next Council meetings. Also needed are gift cards and wrapping paper.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12. The next meeting is December 6th 2011, at 9:45 in the Heritage Museum at Huntington High School.