

**GHAMAS Parents, Friends and Alumni Association meeting minutes
March 2, 2005**

I. Meeting called to order: 6:40 pm

II. Roll Call

1. Cherrille S. Howard (co-pres); Karyl Sadowski; Walt Sadowski; Audrey Tucker (treasurer); Guy Tucker; Patrese Bielinski; Sharon DiGiola-Daskal; Lawrence Daskal; Lynne Axiak(secretary); Kledia Myrtolli (student rep); Howard Thiery (GHAMAS director)

2. Minutes from February 2, 2005 meeting: motion to approve made by Cherrille Howard, approved.

III. Officer Reports:

co-president: Cherrille S. Howard: Still need a co-president, will focus efforts for recruiting at the spring picnic on April 30. This is the same day as the incoming freshman math placement test. Would be a good opportunity to mingle and recruit from the incoming class. Should have a table at the picnic with information as well as a short meeting.

treasurer: Audrey Tucker: (attached spreadsheet) March shows a balance of 144.06. Only expense was the F³ movie rental and refreshments for \$15.05. Tupperware fundraiser raised \$279.77.

IV. Fundraisers:

1. Silent Auction: Audrey has been busy. Thirteen items have been donated including hot air balloon ride tickets, pet sitting, massage, tanning, folding bikes and more. There are pledges for three items including something signed by Jim Calhoun. More donations are needed.

2. Tastefully Simple: Open house date is Wednesday 9/21. Lynne and Christina are working on the letter of understanding.

V. Director Report:

a. Application season has ended. 180 applications for 72 openings. 3 new districts are joining.

The budget must be in this month and the lottery will be done this week

b. **UCONN's Day of Recognition** for Nutmeg Scholars: GHAMAS was well represented among the Nutmeg Scholars.

c. Breakfast with the principal: First one will be in May, would like them to be every other month. Title I funds used for this.

d. 54 new computers under Title I funds. 18 desktops and 30 laptops

2. Updates on School Activities:

a. March-- **Ski/outdoor events at Butternut Basin.** Saturday 3/5, still room on the bus, 33 students have signed up to go.

b. This Friday is F³.

c. February--**Brain Bee** went extremely well. The students had a great time. The Courant sent a reporter who was there the entire time. A student from Glastonbury (who attends Deerfield Academy) won the event. 12 contestants, 6 schools

from 3 states were represented. Trevor from GHAMAS placed 3rd. The judges were students from Trinity, who would like to expand the event next year.

VI. Student Report: (Kledia)

1. April--**student-driven/organized dance:** April 2, scheduled from 7 to 11. Decorations have been decided on. DJ booked, security guards and janitor booked. Need a couple more chaperones.
2. Yearbook: Coming along on schedule
3. Talent Show: Some of the students would like to organize one but it may be too late for that.
4. Sweatshirts and t-shirts: Adding a couple of dollars onto the cost of the shirts as a fundraiser.

VII. Other Parent Driven Events:

1. Teacher Appreciation May 1st - 7th: Breakfast scheduled for 5/6. Patrese Bielinski volunteers to head up the committee. Her husband was volunteered to help as he is a chef. Breakfast at 6:30, committee will need to be at the school by 5:30. Invitations to be sent out on Monday or Tuesday of that week.

2. May--**picnic:** Menu: Grinders--should see if we can get donations from area Subways or Big Y. Pot luck for side dishes and desserts. We'll ask the parents to bring chairs. Plan for about 100 people.

V. New Business:

VII. Upcoming FPAA meeting dates:

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VIII. Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Axiak