

**GHAMAS PFA (Parents, Friends and Alumni) Association Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2005**

Meeting called to order: 6:35 pm

- I. Roll Call:** Audrey A. Tucker, acting president/treasurer; Lynne Axiak, secretary; Karyl Sadowski; Walt Sadowski; Cathy Bartrell; Lynette Forman; Susan Kelley; Sue Griffiths; Vijay Kasireddy; Larry Deutsch; Howard Thiery, director GHAMAS

- II. Officer Reports:** financial report, Audrey: Silent auction grossed \$816, of which \$485 was profit; Tastefully Simple fundraiser raised \$70, total in PFA funds is \$671.52.

- III. Positions:**
 - a. President:** Audrey Tucker made a motion to nominate Susan Kelley to position of co-president, seconded and approved.
Larry Deutsch made a motion to nominate Audrey Tucker to position of co-president, seconded and approved
 - b. Treasurer:** Audrey Tucker made a motion to nominate Walt Sadowski to position of treasurer, seconded and approved.
 - c. Silent Auction Chairperson:** Audrey Tucker made a motion to nominate Vijay Kasireddy to position of chairperson of Silent Auction committee, seconded and approved.
 - d. Hospitality Chair:** Audrey Tucker made a motion to nominate Lynette Forman to position of Hospitality Chair, seconded and approved.
 - e. Student Representative:** No student rep, yet. Howard will make the position known to the students.

- IV. Upcoming School Events:**

October: Trip to NY for a visit to museums, 2 buses went, a fun time was had by all.
10/16: Trip to MIT, all underclassmen and select jrs/srs visited MIT.

November: 11/12 Taste of GHAMAS An opportunity for the student body, parents, teachers and interested others to come and share food. Drinks provided by the school. Goodies and fun to be provided by the attendees.
11/18: Movie Night Star Wars III, an opportunity for the students to get together

December: date to be determined: Game Night Students to bring board games

Alumni Dinner

February: date to be determined: Ski/Snow/Butternut Basin
March: date to be determined: Duck pin bowling

April: date to be determined: Spring Dance

Spring picnic

May: date to be determined: 6 Flags amusement park

Ongoing: Alumni Lecture Series

V. Fundraisers

- a. **Tastefully Simple:** Held on Open House, Lynne Axiak stated that \$70.00 was raised
- b. **Annual Picnic**
- c. **Silent Auction:** Audrey stated that this event raised \$816, of which \$485 was profit, still have some items in the closet for next year's auction.

VI. Old Business

- a. **PFA web page:** www.ghamas.com
- b. **PFA bulletin board:** available and empty
- c. **PFA newsletter:** To facilitate communication, Howard states that CREC will have a listserv up and running in January, which would make e-communication even more convenient.

VII. New Business

- a. **GHAMAS has received a grant to focus on Alumni activities.** Funds to be held in the PFA account, to be used for Alumni events such as the Alumni dinner.
- b. **GHAMAS has received funding for a multi-year research project into algae/bio-diesel fuel.** Funded by Bathsheba Foundation and Greenfield. Focus this year is on a review of the literature, the politics, the economics and the ethics. The lab will be set up. Next year's focus will be on the research done to date.
- c. **Xerox to fund professional development program**
- d. **Vance to fund Outreach program (middle school)**
- e. **College Reps visit GHAMAS:** September through November. Many reps visit. It can be possible for PFA to host a college admissions night to give information to parents.
- f. **Ideas for future fundraisers:** included PFA membership cards and calendars. A directory was discussed. It is feasible to put together a directory that includes e-mail addresses of resources and contacts, including students, parents, alumni, teachers. Included would be a school year calendar. Cathy Bartell will look into this.
- g. **Upcoming meetings:** 12/7; 1/4; 2/1; 3/1; 4/5; 5/4; 6/1 all at 6:30PM

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 8pm

**Respectfully Submitted,
Lynne Axiak (secty)**

