

**GHAMAS PFA (Parents, Friends and Alumni) Association Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2006**

**Meeting called to order:** 6:35 pm

**I. Roll Call:** Audrey A. Tucker, co-president; Susan Kelley, co-president; Mike Axiak, interim secretary; Walt Sadowski, treasurer; Vijay Kasireddy, auction committee chair; Cathy Bartell; Sue Griffiths; Alan Tan, alumni; Kledia Mrtolli, alumni; Melissa Sadowski, student; Howard Thiery, director GHAMAS

**II. Officer Reports:** financial report, Walt Sadowski: current balance is \$629.52, only expense was films and snacks for Movie Night.

**III. Upcoming Events:**

**Alumni Dinner:** 65 RSVPs for Alumni dinner (arrivals will be more than RSVP) Chance for information gathering. Something for introduction to organization. Phil Almquist interested.

**Ski Trip:** Not planned yet. 2nd weekend in February. Kids who are away...are away. Very highly organized at place.

**General:** Algae to biodiesel project is organized differently---kids handle it as business. Takes longer to set up. Above classes, kid driven.

**School Business:**

Deadline for applications coming up. Early return is strong. 95% of applications come within 5 days of deadline. Hopeful for strong freshman class. Shooting for 75 kids (accepted 70-->58 ended up coming) Larger number of choices. Kids on the waitlist cannot pay to get to get in. Info sessions should not include parents.

**Financial:** There is something new arising: endowments from other companies, etc. can add slots to individual towns.

**Cost of tuition rising.** Currently a subcommittee studying funding of magnet schools. We believe that funding is going to be solved this year. Andrew Schweitsman (sp) heads it. Two people from CREC to show. Watch the papers...

**Midterms next week.** Try to get early but Manchester beat them

**Outreach:** Not much outreach February, although there is robotics in feb.anyway. Aiming for Hartford, possibly for 8th grade. Currently in ``funding gap" for outreach system. There is strong interest, but we need to wait until April for funding.

#### **IV. Fundraisers**

**Directory:** Directory was an interesting thing at home school. Form emailed at home does not work well. Best way to get information from students is to send it all in with part of August mailing. Perhaps when we see the directory, we'll see what's such a "sale" about the directory. The class of '01 beat out everyone in RSVPs. We will definitely collect information from people on Friday.

**College Information Night:** March 1st does not seem like a good time. April is better. 1st or 2nd Wednesday in April would be much better. Howard would be happy to coordinate. Alumni-parent panel.

**Mission Statement:** Susan Kelley has updated mission statement for our reading. Please go to <http://www.ghamas.com/> to view the DRAFT of the mission statement. If you have suggestions, email them to Susan Kelley or Audrey Tucker.

**Cookbook:** If we want a cookbook by November, it has to be done by June. We could start it for the Taste of GHAMAS, we can have it ready for April or sometime then. Selling ads would make the book very profitable.

#### **V. Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Axiak (intm. scty)./