

**GHAMAS PFA (Parents, Friends and Alumni) Association Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2006**

Meeting called to order: 6:35 pm

- I. Roll Call:** Lynne Axiak, secretary; Vijay Kasireddy, auction committee chair; Sue Griffiths; Rajila Kasireddy, student rep; Hiral Desai, student rep; Phil Almquist, alumni rep; Howard Thiery, GHAMAS director
- II. Officer Reports:**
- a. Motion to accept Minutes from February meeting made by Vijay and accepted.
 - b. financial report, Walt Sadowski not present, Howard stated that movie night included pizza so would be more than usual.
 - c. **Director report:**
 - 1. Admission season: Canton came on board this year, there were 225+ applicants, 75 freshmen slots. The lottery is 3/8 and students must respond by 4/1.
 - 2. Ski trip cancelled due to snow
 - 3. Bowling this month 3/11, Saturday night 6-8pm. Duck Pin on Farmington Ave. \$12.00 includes 2 hours of bowling with shoes and pizza.
 - 4. Dance plans are underway for 4/8. This is a student driven event.
 - 5. Amusement park (6 Flags) trip in the works for later this spring..
 - 6. Graduation plans are currently being worked on.
 - 7. Biodiesel Fuel project continues to go forward. Guest speakers are coming to GHAMAS to speak.
 - 8. Yearbook being worked on. This year a DVD will be included. GHAMAS now has the camera and the editing software.
 - 9. Teacher Appreciation breakfast: Audrey has the contact number.
 - 10. Spring Auction: Vijay discussed the need for a place to store donated items and the need for a mass mailing. Sandra or Gloria can do the mass mailing is they have one to send out. Storage for items can be at GHAMAS.
- III. College Night:** Howard has 3 speakers lined up for the panel of college admissions officers. He will pin them down as to a firm date. Once that is done a mailing can be sent to parents and the other speakers (seniors, alumni, parents) can be scheduled. Three panels are foreseen: college admissions people, parents who have been through the process; seniors and alumni (who have also been through the process) We hope for a late

April date. If we get the date by mid-March, there is enough lead time for the mailing.

IV. Mission Statement: Tabled for review, copies of web page statement given to those present.

V. New Business: Sue Griffiths brought up a discussion on how to encourage more parents to become active in the PFA. Open House in the fall is a good time for a member to give a presentation to parents, as well as to have sign-ups for various activities at a PFA booth.

VI. Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 pm

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