

**GHAMAS PFA (Parents, Friends and Alumni) Association Meeting Minutes**  
**Oct 3, 2006**

**Meeting called to order:** 6:33 pm

**VIII.1. Roll Call:** Audrey Tucker, president; Sue Kelley, co-president; Lynne Axiak, secretary; Walt Sadowski, treasurer; Howard Thiery, director GHAMAS; Jane Jylkla; Jojo and Guia Cuevo; Susan Griffiths; Veruetta Jefferson; Sharon Mierzwa

**VIII.2. Officer Reports:**

- IX. **a. Minutes:** from June approved and accepted
- X. **b. Treasurer's report:** Sandra is doing an audit, currently we have approximately \$600 in account.
- XI.

**3. Director Report:**

**1. Open House in September:** Well attended, currently have 233 students, up 30 from last year. Sophomores have filled the physics class.. GHAMAS is at capacity in am session, which still means smaller classes than the traditional high school.

- 2 **BioDiesel Project:** [www.ghamas.com](http://www.ghamas.com) (thanks Audrey!)  
[www.ghamas.com/biodiesel](http://www.ghamas.com/biodiesel). There are three teams for this research project: growing algae, researching algae and converting to fuel. There was a meeting last Saturday on Project Mapping, in which 30 GHAMAS students attended. The ratio was about 3 underclassmen to 1 upperclassmen. The web page is a way for the group to share information and have discussion overcoming any scheduling difficulties.
- 3 **Outreach:** to start up end of October. CT Center Advanced Technology have entered into a partnership with GHAMAS. They have cutting edge science there with a virtual reality room. Many possibilities for the enhancement of the Outreach program.
- 4 **Upcoming Events:**
- 5 **a. October 22:** Boston visit—2 busloads of students to visit Museum of Science.
- 6 **b. October 25:** MIT visit—mostly freshmen and a few older students who missed the visit last year, as well as a few key upperclassmen involved in biodiesel project. There will be a visit to Greenview Corporation as well as a visit to some of the MIT research labs.
- 7 **c. Taste of GHAMAS:** November 11—Mr. Maas is again in charge of this event.
- 8 **d. January: Alumni reunion**—Howard to discuss this with Phil Almquist (alumni rep)
- e. Picnic:** Plan for spring, will need to work around the schedule for college night (need to get date from college reps first) We do need a committee chair for. It's helpful to have someone collect donations for food, etc.

**f. Auction:** Audrey is chair for this event. We need donated items and will take just about anything. Ideas include goods and services.

**g. Directory:** Kathy not available to discuss. Howard to get last year's info to Kathy. The goal is to have this resource available by college night.

**h. Recipe Book:** Sue Kelley in charge of the cookbook. Publishing company will organize the book. Recipes can be obtained through the Taste of GHAMAS. We need contact people to bring in recipes and get advertisers. The cookbook is \$700 to make. Need 6 pages of advertisements to pay for the cookbook.

**5 Old Business:**

**6 New Business:** College Night. People from Drexel, MIT and Trinity to attend. Will need to get the date.

Next meeting: 11/14

Meeting adjourned: 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Axiak