

**GHAMAS PFA (Parents, Friends and Alumni) Association Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2006**

**Meeting called to order:** 6:30 pm

**I. Roll Call:** Audrey Tucker, president; Lynne Axiak, secretary; Walt Sadowski, treasurer; Howard Thiery director GHAMAS; Vernetta Jefferson; Sue Griffiths

**II. Officer Reports:**

- a. President:** No report
- b. Minutes:** from November; minute accepted and approved.
- c. Treasurer's report:** There has been no activity in the account.

**III. Upcoming Events:**

- a. 12/12 1st Annual Career symposium:** This one is for the upper classmen, speakers from KAMAN, United Technologies Research Center (which will offer internships) and Wych. Students from other schools will be attending
- b. 12/8 Movie Night:** Pizza will be served. Another movie night is planned for January.
- c. Talent Show:** Student driven event, may or may not happen.
- d. February Ski trip**
- e. College Night:** Audrey to get in touch with college admissions people to find a good date.
- f. Alumni Dinner:** Still a go with Howard, plans it for January.

**IV. Fundraisers:**

- a. Picnic:** There is no reason why picnic can't be held in March. A date will need to be determined.
- b. Auction:** Audrey is chair for this event. Donated items may be brought to Howard's office.
- c. Directory:** Kathy has all the information Howard has for the alumni information.
- d. Recipe Book:** Audrey has not received info on the cookbook. It may be possible to send out a mailing asking for recipes that reflect cultural background.

**V. Old Business:**

- a. Outreach information:** This info can go on the GHAMAS website. Programs run in Feb and May. Contact person is Rachel: [RManzer@crec.org](mailto:RManzer@crec.org)
- b. What the kids want:** Re: suggested questionnaire, Howard has hesitated to do this as the teachers currently volunteer to be involved in after-school activities and shouldn't be asked to do more. Students are always welcome to initiate activities (ie: talent show, student dance)

**VI. New Business:**

**a. New program: Suburban Tutorial:** Students will be traveling to the suburbs to tutor students who've been unable to attend the tutorials on campus.

**b. Howard Thiery is leaving GHAMAS at the end of the semester:** He has taken a position to be the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Simsbury. CREC will put an acting director in until the end of the year. A committee comprised of faculty and parents along with CREC officials will interview for a replacement. Howard feels that students may have input but not be on the committee. PFA plans to invite Joe Townsley from CREC to come to the next PFA meeting to discuss the process.

Next meeting: 1/2

Meeting adjourned: 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Axiak