

SLEHS PTSO Minutes- September 15, 2009 Meeting

1. President - Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM. Introductions of the 2009 SLE PTSO board: Joan Herrinton, President; Karen Timm, Vice President; Sandy Miller, Treasurer; Lynn Elkow-Moore, Secretary; Marilyn Steudle, Public Relations. The PTSO has been working all summer on projects and fundraisers for SL East.
2. Taste of Homecoming: Florence Kasper presented the signs that will be used for advertising the event. Many volunteers are still needed. If you can help please contact Florence at hockeymomflo@yahoo.com . There will be four vendor booths at the event. Tickets will be sold at \$7 for 10 tickets and individual tickets will be sold at \$1 a piece. The vendors are: **Aleko's** selling mostaccioli (3 tickets) and breadsticks (2 tickets); **Tanglewood** selling ribs (4 tickets), autumn cobbler (3 tickets); **Leo's of New Hudson** selling hotdog (1 ticket), coney dog (2 tickets), petite Greek salad (2 tickets); **La Casa Del Rio** (New Hudson Mexican restaurant) selling nachos (2 tickets), burritos (2 tickets), enchiladas (2 tickets). SL EAST PTSO will be selling beverages (water and pop) (1 ticket).
3. Treasurer (Sandy Miller): Financial statement for the month given to all. Cougar Closet had sales of \$1940 in August, during registration, which gave us a profit of \$874.34. That sales profit is up \$200 from last year at this time. Not reported on the financial statement is a loan repayment to the school district for \$500 in Sept.
4. Cougar Closet (Sue Crittenton): The Closet will be open M-F at lunch, M&F after school. Everything is up and running. Lots of new merchandise is for sale. The store will be open from 9-9:30 after open house tomorrow night.
5. Formal Attire (Sandy Miller and Karen Timm): Over 100 dresses have been collected for the sale on Sat. Sept. 19 from 1-5 PM in the commons. Big push on advertising. Sandy asked everyone to please spread the word as there are beautiful, expensive dresses being sold for very little. These dresses are great for homecoming and prom.
6. Directory Sales: There were 20 presales at \$5 each.
7. Fundraisers:
 - a. Joey's Comedy Club has been scheduled for Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, at 10:30 PM. For every ticket sold, Joey's gets \$5. PTSO will sell the tickets for \$15. There is a discount of 25% on dinner before hand in the restaurant and ½ price on pizza during the show. A \$5 food purchase is required of each ticket holder for the evening. For anyone who buys a ticket and doesn't show up, PTSO has to cover that \$5 minimum purchase. It was suggested that those who are not sure if they can commit not buy a ticket and just simply donate \$ to the PTSO directly. Mr. Jackson stated that the PTSO and any other organization "representing" SLCS cannot sell tickets or car pool from a district sight that condones material that is offensive to a group or considered adult entertainment as the school district does not support this.
 - b. Applebee's Pancake breakfast: Held on Sat. Sept. 12. We would like to thank our cook Jason Durling at the Applebee's in New Hudson. We are sorry to say the event was poorly attended and we only made about \$90. There was much advertising and information sent out about this event. It was suggested that for the next event we do a

dinner where a % of the purchase price is given back to the PTSO. Sue C. suggested that we sell presale tickets ahead of time for these kinds of events, that way you have a better chance of attendance.

8. Electronic Sign: Joan and Shelly met with Mike Casey , Dactronics (a sign company) and Mr. Jackson to discuss using the existing sign and just adding on. That is not an option. Mr. Casey said whatever the sign committee decides will set the standard for the rest of the school district and their installation of electronic signs. The pricing we have for signs does not include electrical or bricking and range around \$35,000. Mr. Casey stated we cannot have labor volunteered even though the volunteers would be licensed electricians and brick layers. Many at the meeting expressed concern as PTSO is paying for the sign and it's installation, why the district would be able to dictate who and how much we have to pay for the installation of electrical and bricking. Many understand the concerns of the district over aesthetics and electrical, but don't understand why, if the people are licensed and insured, the district just can't have the people follow the district protocol and over see them. Mr. Jackson will look into this further with Mr. Casey for the PTSO and see if he can't get some resolution for them.
9. Principal's Report (Mr. Jackson): 900 students are attending East. The Senior/Junior prom is set for Fri, May 22, 2010, at Rock Financial. Mr. Jackson is looking forward to a fabulous year with all the fun events that are planned and finally having a senior class. Student Government, sponsored by Mrs. Athey, will be sponsoring the homecoming dance. Mr. Jackson wanted to remind everyone that student government is open to all to attend the monthly meetings and have a voice through their class representative.
10. Media Center Presentation (Mrs. Joslin): Presentation on databases and all the other options available in the Media Center. Open at lunch, Mrs. Joslin strongly welcomes groups and individuals to come in and utilize the facility to do homework, discuss academic areas and other areas of interest to the students. Rules of the facility: books can be checked out for 3 weeks, magazines over night, books on tape for 1 week. Other info the students need to know: they must have a student ID to check out materials (if they lose their ID they can for a fee of \$5 get a new one in the Media Center). Computers can be used during lunch, before and after school. Card catalogs are all online by subject, author, title, or key words. Each 9th grade English class does an orientation for about 3-5 class periods where the students are reintroduced to old materials and taught about new materials that they can use and access in the media center. Some of the items touched on during these orientations are plagiarism, copy write, research... At the end of their orientation, they receive an assessment about orientation to see how much they retained and understand. Mrs. Joslin also informed the group about all the different accesses the students and parents have to databases in the community and how to access this info from home, MEL (Michigan eLibrary) as well as passing out a pamphlet from the Media Center with all kinds of helpful information. Thank you very much to Mrs. Joslin for the wealth of information and for taking time out of her evening to share that information with the parents of SL East.
11. Next PTSO Meeting: Tues. Oct. 6, 2009, at 7 PM in the Media Center.