



IACA April. 2013 Meeting

04/08/13 – Monday.

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

IACS - cafeteria

Meeting Called to Order: 6:40 pm

Accept Prior Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept March 2013 Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions - Attendees introduced themselves to the group

Vote to Accept Financials: Paula presented treasurer's report, announced fund allocations and a motion was made and passed to accept the financials as presented

New Business /Upcoming Events:

1. Isaac Donkoh-Halm announced that he is well prepared for the upcoming HS dance with a songlist created from student requests. He filled out the appropriate paperwork and was approved to use our speakers and our lighting. He may need help setting up, but believes that supervisors could lend a hand. He also informed us of the bracket-style video game tournament fundraiser he is coordinating that will be held on May 22nd. It is a half day and profits will go to the student government. There will be a casual area for students who do not want to compete and "Teen" is the max rating of the games that will be available to play. Email Isaac with any suggestions or ideas.
2. Heather reported that although there were fewer people at Friday's Big Time Social (4/5), it was very full and made a little more than last year. She thanked the staff for their generous donations as well as Annie, Paula and Lori for their help. Annie, in turn, applauded Heather for her creativity, clever ideas and exceptional planning. Thanks for a job well done!
3. Valerie announced that the IACS scholarship applications are due May 1st and that the committee will meet on 5 /21 at 6 PM. Pizza will be provided.
4. Valerie communicated that this week (April 8-12) is spirit week with themes different than previous years.
5. If you intend to run for an IACA officer's position, you can be nominated from the floor on 5/13. All intents to run for office are posted in MS office.
6. Valerie summarized a meeting she had with Walter and Greg regarding some ongoing concerns we have had. First, is that the Wellness Policy document presented to IACA this past fall by Karen Drake was a draft and different than what was approved by the Board. Second is that Walter explained that we have to submit a form for access to the kitchen, "as well as a menu so that the food director is aware of what food is being brought into the kitchen to make sure we take precautions with allergies, etc. We do NOT submit a menu to the food director for approval. IACA should review the wellness policy and work to meet the requirements of the Wellness policy." Third was a clarification that all money raised by the Expansion Initiative fundraising events goes into a general fund, unless it is otherwise slated for something specific and approved by the IACS Board. Lastly was that the IACA 2012 \$11,500K donation can go to Quonset hut (QH) but we may not see immediate results until the school is prepared to repair it. Walter suggests that we consider new technology for the new 5/6 building or completed Art Rooms with a plaque indicating IACA's donation. Greg said that there is a fair amount of formality with the QH repairs because it is a public building. We need to go through

the bidding process, etc. so it is not clear whether we can “recruit” volunteers to help with this. He did say that the school’s long term vision is to have it as a usable space. Concerns were raised to Greg that the long term plan for the gym (from 1-4 or more years) doesn’t include an immediate solution for the current practice/play space which is why we keep pushing for the QH repairs. Greg was asked what we could do, who to contact, etc to help make this happen. Action items for Greg were to get back to us about:: where the Quonset Hut repairs fall on the school’s priority list, will the expansion committee divert the \$11.5K that was slated for the Snack Shack towards the Quonset Hut repairs and will the school put the repair cost into next year’s budget (less IACA’s contribution)? Note: After all the agenda items were addressed, discussion returned to the confusion and lack of communication with the first issue. Because we were not told the document Karen presented and provided us with was a draft or notified that what was approved was different than what was presented to us, no one came forward at that time to object to the policy content. What was presented seemed reasonable to work with. Next, the discussion revolved around the fact that experiences members have had and information we have received are inconsistent and contrary to what Walter explained about us NOT needing to get our menu approved by the food director.

7. Michele explained that basket themes are being decided on and assigned to HS classes/HB’s for emails to go out. Michele is grateful to have Joyce Roller’s help with this. Baskets will not be displayed at the 5K or at the HS play. However, Heather suggested having pictures/list of baskets sent home with 10 tickets attached for purchase. Sales could also be publicized through email blasts as well as at track meets. Greg suggested displaying the baskets at HS Exhibition Night.
8. Volunteers are needed for the 5/3 and 5/10 middle school dances. If interested, please contact Lisa Reed.
9. Valerie read a note from Kerry regarding the 8th grade semi status: Anyone interested in helping can join Thursday at 6:30pm at Panera. The committee is looking for 5th, 6th and 7th grade parents to chaperone. They are not looking for food donations for the event, but possibly for materials.
10. Kerry also said that there will be a big push for End of Year BBQ donations starting mid-May.
11. Lori expects to have an email to Karen Drake by the week’s end with menu options for the 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony and the Graduation Reception. Annie suggested a hot brunch. Possible ideas are scrambled eggs, oatmeal, yogurt, fruit salad and yogurt. She will check with Dave @ French’s as well.
12. Tracy emailed Val since she couldn’t attend tonight’s meeting. She requests that IACA pay for the hypnotist for this event/gift for the graduating class and to show our support by continually contributing to help make the Bash better each year. A motion was made and passed so that the \$500 currently budgeted for upfront money for the Last Bash will now be given each year for Last Bash to be used for their purposes and not have to be given back.
13. Similarly, a motion was made and passed for the \$250 for the 8th Grade Semi after Paula brought it to our attention that money is used for things like last year’s class photo that was handed out as gifts to attendees.
14. A motion was made & passed to donate whatever amount of our surplus ice cream is needed to the Last Bash.
15. Paula is sending weekly emails for jury openings and people are responding well to fill the slots.
16. Valerie reminded us of that on 4/11, 4/12, 4/23, 4/23 and 4/25 all after school activities are cancelled.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 pm

Attendees: V. Clark, L. DiMattia, M. Frey, P. Girouard, A. Accetullo, H. Landis, K. Procter, G. Orpen, B. Loehfelm I. Donkoh-Halm