

IMSA PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Saturday, May 13, 2000

I. **Welcome**

by President Loreli Riddle-Keltner

- A. Roll Call taken; quorum present
- B. Minutes approved

II. **Living Arts Presentation: Meri Quarles**

Meri made a presentation to the parents of her gift to the Senior Class. This special gift is from the Living Art Company and will be presented to the Seniors on May 22 at 8:00 p.m. The artist is Ben Glenn. She was thanked by Loreli for her generosity and thoughtfulness.

III. **Parents Association Executive and Committee Chairpersons**

A. The Parents Association Executive Committee for 2000-2001 was presented and is as follows:

President: David Kinney
Vice President: Jana Fitting
Secretary: Pam Gast
Treasurer: Sylvia Cooper
Downstate Coordinator: Cathy Barnes

The nomination of Billie Zabinski was made by Jana Fitting and seconded by Mike Doyle to fill the position of Metro Coordinator. The motion passed.

B. The Committee Chairs for next year, 2000-2001 are as follows:

Academic Committee: Betty Kay
Committee of Academic Counseling: vacant
Parents Fund: Vacant
Student Life Co-Chairs: Peggy Newton, Candy Barchenger, Lisa McDonald
Technology: Cheryl Widman, William Blanchard
PAC Web site: Alan Witacker

C. Regional caucuses took place to elect the Regional Representatives for 2000-2001. The elected representatives will be posted on the IMSA parents' web site soon.

IV. **Administration Reports:**

A. **Principal - Eric McLaren**

1. Eric announced that the graduation speaker will be May Jamaison, the first female Afro-American astronaut. Everyone is excited that she agreed to come to IMSA this year for graduation.
2. AP exams will take place next week.

3. May 22 will be a shorten day so students and faculty have extra time to prepare for final exams.

B. Director of Student Life - Robert Hernadez

1. The Senior Prom is being held tonight and safety has always been a concern. Bob asked that all parents notify their student to act wisely and cautiously to prevent unfortunate situations.
2. The permanent position of Residential Life Coordinator has been filled by Steve Zant. Steve has been serving as the interim, and has been offered the permanent position for next year.
3. Bob thanked Sandy Ohler for her outstanding job as Chairwoman of the Student Life Committee. Bob appreciated her efforts in working together for the benefit of the students.
4. The check out list is going out in the mail this week. Steve Zant is in charge of check out. Bob wanted all parents to communicate to their student to leave their room in the same condition as it was at the beginning of school to avoid cleaning charges.
5. The travel reimbursement forms are in the Student Life office. Every parent is encouraged to complete the form for your travel expenses when transporting your student to and from school. Funds will be dispersed next year by the State.

V. Officer Reports:

- A. President's report: to be given at the end of the meeting
- B. Vice President's report: Dennis Delfert - absent Lorelei relayed a message from Dennis that the deadline for the last newsletter will be May 22.
- C. Secretary: Carol Berger Carol thanked many who have contributed so greatly to the PAC. She thanked Pam Gast and Jana Fitting for taking the minutes in her absence. Kathy Clair was thanked for all her efforts in coordinating and setting up coffee and donuts before each PAC meeting.
- D. Treasurer: David Kinney Dave presented the budget and financial report. See insert.

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Academic Committee: Ev Prested

1. Topics for next year will include reviews of the curriculums for English and Social Studies, and a review of the Mentorship Program.

B. Committee for Academic Counseling: Gail Peck

1. The College Fair went extremely well. Gail and her daughter did all the preparation and cooking of the food and fed over 200 people - breakfast and lunch

for under \$300.00. All the college reps were genuinely appreciative of IMSA's outstanding hospitality, and Gail felt this was extremely important. Over 100 schools were represented, each sending 2 representatives.

C. Student Life: Sandy Ohler

Liz Pasqualucci and Cathy Barnes are in the process of redoing the Parent to Parent Handbook, updating tourism information, and informing new parents of the current work service and community service requirements for graduation. If anyone has pertinent information for the handbook that new parents would find of value, please contact or email Liz (cmliz@hotmail.com) and/or Cathy (rgbarnes1@aol.com).

D. Food Committee: Tammie Harding (absent)

Bob Hernandez gave an update report on the food contract for next year. Arbor was awarded the contract for next year. It is a three contract with a one year renewal. With the help of the consultant funded by the PAC, IMSA was able to secure a more detailed and comprehensive contract for the next three years, and the students should be able to notice an improvement even though Arbor continues to be the food company. Other companies who bid on the contract were not as qualified as Arbor, and the contract is awarded to the lowest bidder.

The remodeling of the cafeteria was also discussed by Eric McLaren. Plans have been completed and the cost is approximately \$130,000. Funding for this project has not yet been determined. Perhaps a joint effort between the PAC/IMSA would be possible. This issue will be discussed in full next year.

E. Technology: Mike Doyle

The committee has had a very successful year and is looking great for next year. A strong and committed relationship has been made between committee members and IMSA faculty. Just a few of the accomplishments this year have been:

- (1) providing IMACs and digital cameras for the Granger Lab,
- (2) 14 new PC's have been committed for the Res Halls - 7 purchased by the PAC and 7 by IMSA
- (3) increased communication network among parents/IMSA has been established;
- (4) Activities Bulletin Board established by Wayne Schneidman; and
- (5) a continual-updated parents' web site, also maintained by Wayne.

Mike thanked his committee members and a huge applause went to Wayne for his hours and hours of work he has done this year for the PAC. He has agreed to help with the transition for next year, but the PAC will greatly miss him. His extraordinary dedication and expertise has made it difficult to fill his shoes. The PAC thanked him for all his work.

VII. Other reports:

A. Student Council - no report

B. The Senior Dinner is coming along nicely, and more volunteers are needed if you are interested.

VIII Old Business:

A. Lighting request: Nancy Gables - see report

In reviewing the funding for additional lighting for the dorms, it was noted that \$2000.00 was returned to the PAC from Amy Burnett that was not needed for additional activities for the students.

In March, funds for the first lighting proposal was denied. Another motion was made by Wayne Schneidman and seconded by Liz Pasqualucci to provide additional lighting for 10 wings, which with the lighting already previously installed, would be bring sufficient lighting to a total of 4 dorms. The cost for additional lighting would be \$4,320. Discussion was held.

Liz Pasqualucci presented a proposal and made a motion to fund lighting for the res halls. It was requested that the PAC purchase part of the lights this year and then the rest after the beginning of next year's school term. The motion was seconded by Wayne Schneidman. Following discussion, a vote was taken, motion carried with one abstention.

B. Senior Activities

There was a funding request that the money allocated to Amy Burnett for transportation and never used be redirected for the end of the year Senior activities such as the lunch picnic and food for the Senior Dance. Motion seconded and a vote passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

The PAC Strategy Planning Day has been set for Sunday, August 27, 2000 from 9 am to 5 pm. It was requested that all current and next year's representatives attend.

X. President's Report

President Lorelei Riddle reported that the goals set by and for the PAC were exceeded this year. She thanked all PAC members. She also reported that this year has had the highest attendance rate of the PAC history. A quorum was present at all meeting except one. Lorelei extended thanks to Kathy Clair for organizing the food for every meeting and to the regional reps along with committee chairs and PAC officers.

A request was made for reps to turn in their notebooks and the meeting was adjourned.

respectfully submitted,

Carol Berger and Pam Gast