

Howard PTO



Meeting Minutes – Sept. 9, 2009

- I. **Meeting called to order by Lee Ann Jones, President at 12:05 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation by Gail Armstrong, parliamentarian**
- III. **Lee Ann Jones welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and thanked Alamo Heights Minor Emergency Clinic/Doreen Magoon for providing lunch.**
- IV. **Speakers**

A. Tracy Winter – representative from “Homecoming of the Century”

1. She explained that the *Homecoming of the Century* celebration would be held Oct. 3rd at San Antonio Country Club. The cost to attend is \$125.00 per person. For more information, copy and paste link to browser.

http://www.ahisd.net/Foundation_web/Centennial/AHSF_centennial_events.html

B. Wilma Sosa, Howard Principal

1. Principal Sosa thanked everyone for a smooth start and thanked the volunteers that helped out.
2. She gave an update that the class size has been reduced to 20 and there are approximately 400 students at Howard, mostly Kindergarten students.
3. She explained that the children would be doing a 100th year panoramic picture commemorating the 100 years Celebration.

C. Dr. Kevin Brown, AHISD Superintendent

1. Dr. Brown discussed the strategic plan and went over some of the highlights of the first three-year goals – one of which is already in place for this year - reducing the class size K- 3rd grade. He also said three new teachers were added at Howard. More information regarding the strategic plan can be found on ahisd.net or copy and paste link to browser:

http://ahisd.net/General/genpdf/Strategic_Plan_Brochure_Final1.pdf

D. Centennial Events, Susan Hall

1. Susan Hall reminded everyone to send payment for the Centennial picnic to be held Friday, Oct. 3, 2009 beginning at 4:45 p.m. For more information contact Susan at sh21458@satx.rr.com. Copy and paste to browser for more information -

http://ahisd.net/insideahisd/centennial/Centennial_Picnic_Order_Form.pdf

E. FACE Campaign, Kyle Beck

1. Kyle Beck, foundation board member, spoke about the foundation and the FACE campaign. He said the '09/10 goal is \$400,000 and that 100% of the donations stay within the foundation. So far, Mule Market raised \$86,000, \$20,000 behind last year's actual. Copy and paste link to browser for more information:

http://www.ahisd.net/Foundation_web/ways_to_give/FACE/AHSFFACE.html

F. Alamo Heights Cheerleaders spoke about the Homecoming fundraiser sale – all proceeds help out the AH Cheerleaders. For more information, go to:

<http://www.ahisd.net/campuses/ahhs/spirit%20store/mums.htm>

V. Board Reports

A. Howard Raffle, Meg Culp

1. Meg Culp, First VP of Raffle gave an update on the Raffle, which will occur October 20th. She explained that the raffle is Howard's biggest fundraiser and that there are great prizes and incentives for everyone. She also said they are still in need of raffle items to be donated such as trips, bicycles, gift cards, etc. She said the 2008 raffle donated back \$31,000.

B. Tammy Cochran, Membership VP, said over \$4,000 of membership dues were collected with around 50% participation.

C. Elizabeth Boddy, Treasurer, explained how the PTO budget works and that the total income is at \$7,965.02.

D. Susanne Marco, VP of Special Projects, thanked all parent volunteers that helped out during the first two weeks of school and reminded parents to fill out PTO Volunteer forms and criminal background check forms. Parents will not be allowed to volunteer at Howard or go on field trips without it.

E. Jennifer Allison, Volunteer Coordinator, announced that an orientation meeting for all homeroom parents will be held Sept. 15th 8:30 a.m. in the Howard cafeteria.

F. Julie Hill, Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation, explained that we were able to give \$25.00 to each teacher for activity and supplies. She also said there was a back-to-school lunch for the teachers and that volunteer sign up was encouraged for teacher lunches during the two conference weeks throughout the year.

G. Tote Bags/T-Shirts – are available in the office and Lee Ann said the school supply sales went well.

H. Wilma Sosa, Principal

1. Explained that the playground implementation process for Kindergarten age children and the Head Start program are under way.

VI. New Business, Lee Ann Jones

A. Announced the PTO green initiative. Please sign up for Howard eblast by copy/paste to browser:

http://ahisd.net/General/newsletters/hecc_eblast.htm

B. Howie's Birthday Book Club – parents have the opportunity to purchase a book in honor of their child's birthday - send a \$20.00 check made out to Howard PTO in your child's tote bag.

C. Homeroom Parent Meeting – September 15th 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

D. Centennial Year Photo – September 15th 9:30 a.m. Soccer Field

E. Class Volunteer Orientation – September 24th 6:00 p.m.

F. National Family Day – September 28th.

G. Howdy Night Parade – September 30th 4:15 p.m./Carnival 5:00 p.m.

H. Centennial Pre-Game Picnic – October 2nd 5:00 p.m. AHHS Practice Field.

I. Homecoming Gala of the Century – October 3rd San Antonio Country Club.

J. School Holiday – October 12th.

K. Next PTO Meeting October 14th, 12:00 p.m. in the library.

L. Raffle Drawing – October 20th.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.