

OSHS PTSA Meeting Notes September 14, 2009

To promote and highlight the exceptional qualities of the Oscar Smith High School students in an effort to earn a positive reputation, improve school spirit, and create leaders that can mentor and build a strong community.

Attendees: Denise R., Bill B., Lisa F., David S., Lisa P., Paul J., Tiffanie S., Katherine B., Kimmi S., Lisa B., Pat S., Selena W., Tina S., Melissa E., Vicki, Vicki S., Becky F.

Membership: 289 total including faculty. We still have 10 outstanding faculty members who Mr. J. will speak with personally. 120 freshman sign-ups at orientation.

Denise reviewed the PTSA Goals and Objectives

- Senior Advisor night-parents/students learn more about available scholarships
- Family planning/dating practices (partner with Kelly's K. on this initiative)
- Homecoming Receptions- October 9th. Go above and beyond to make this reception extremely nice for the alumni. Encourage alumni to support the PTSA.
- Discussed publicity for the Costume Party on Oct. 30th which will be held in the cafeteria from 9:00-12 midnight. Several leads on a DJ and a price of \$5 per ticket all sold ahead of time. We will need security from Chesapeake Police. Tina S. will assist with posters to be displayed around the school, pit, etc... SCA will make the posters. Prizes for best costume (3 categories). Denise and Lisa F. will chair this event.
- Parent Newsletter must be in by Sept. 22 to be put online
- Fundraisers- Chic Fil A fundraiser \$575. Potential to sell Chili outside concession at home games. Mr. P.'s approval needed for this. On Sept. 24 we have Lonestar fundraiser from 5-9. Flyers will be handed out at open house on Monday, in homerooms, and at all sporting events. Still working on corporate sponsors like Silver Diner, ect....
- Volunteer hours- 90K in 2008-09. We need more education and communication of what this means. We need a more consistent routine for contact (provide updates in parent newsletter) and send thank you notes to volunteers.
- No Tailgate this Friday
- 50/50 raffle will be completely handled by Mercedes (not PTSA) and ran by Athletics.
- Create talking points for Mr. R. to use during home games about PTSA membership. Make sure we include the free Chic fil A sandwich.
- Open House September 21- we will have a membership table

-Bill provided an update on Calendar sales. It has been very slow but if we can expand to include other athletic events and make this a more one on one sell it might be more profitable. Decision was made to keep price the same throughout football season. We must sell 76 preprinted calendars to break even.

-There was a discussion around whether to eliminate the position of corresponding secretary. Thank you notes could be done by the recording secretary and the 2nd VP could send meeting reminders.

-Next meeting Monday October 12, 2009 at 6:30 pm