

ITHACA HIGH SCHOOL PTA

PTA Meeting, June 8, 2017

Minutes by PTA secretary Carolyn Theodore. Approved at the 9/14/2017 General Meeting

The IHS PTA met in the Activities Room with 12 PTA members and six IHS staff in attendance. The meeting was led by PTA President, Vanessa Wagner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 6, 2017

PTA Secretary, Carolyn Theodore, distributed copies of the April 6 minutes and moved to approve them. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The approved minutes will be posted on the PTA website.

BUDGET UPDATE

PTA Treasurer, Jacquie Lopez, distributed copies of the 2016-2017 budget and reviewed the income and expenses. New income this year was provided by the Rotary club in exchange for the PTA's assistance matching two exchange students with families. We are still awaiting receipts for some of the mini-grant awards. Jacquie will send a reminder.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

IHS Principal, Jason Trumble, requested the PTA's partnership in a new initiative to help students become more career-ready and college-ready. Ideas include weekly visitors at lunchtime, or other programs/workshops to allow students to talk to people about various careers and college prep activities. Vanessa offered that the PTA should form a committee with a coordinator to set up these activities. Jacquie Lopez volunteered and will begin planning over the summer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Family Liaison rep, Barb Bergman, asked the PTA to again budget the same amount for school supplies and backpacks next year. She further requested a ride coordinator for students to attend afterschool events, noting a particular need for Fine Arts activities by early in the school year. Barb proposed identifying a contact in each neighborhood, and noted that the Cooperative Extension can suggest effective strategies. Barb will write up the request and we will send it to the PTA Listserv.

Vanessa shared news from the other committees who sent in updates.

BY-LAWS UPDATE

The proposed changes to the IHS PTSA Bylaws were reviewed. Susan Barnett moved to approve the changes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW OFFICERS

The new slate of officers was proposed:

President (Co-presidents) – OPEN

Secretary – Shivaun Archer

Treasurer – Neil Saccamano

Erin Oates moved to approve the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and

passed unanimously.

An Executive Board meeting will be scheduled by June 30 to further discuss the openings and plans for managing the Listserv going forward. Meanwhile we will continue following up with potential candidates. Oliver agreed to continue helping troubleshoot Listserve/Web issues and train leadership to do their own postings and updates.

Two new coordinators of standing committees have been appointed. Allison Anderson will lead Mini-grants and Caitlin Loehr will lead Membership.

Vanessa acknowledged the contributions of outgoing board members and thanked them for their service, along with the continuing board members. The board also thanked Vanessa for her hard work over the past two years, particularly her efforts to clarify the PTA's role and improve communications.