

IBPA
Minutes October 6th, 2009 Meeting

Co-President Peggy Palmer called the first IBPA meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Board Members in attendance

Ziona Friedlander and Penny Sylvester of the PFC, Andrew Staiano, the interim board members, IBPA members and parents.

Guest Speakers Present:

Ziona Friedlander, Andrew Staiano

Co-President's Report:

Lisa Cary and Peggy Palmer introduced themselves as interim co-presidents and spoke about their backgrounds. Ann Oliver introduced herself as interim treasurer and asked if anyone was interested in the role of treasurer or to help with the accounting and bookkeeping. Corine Gantz introduced herself as Interim secretary. All expressed their commitment to their future roles within the IBPA.

Election of the board of directors:

Lisa Carey opened the floor to discussion in the eventuality this slate of representatives should not go forward with a place on the board. Lisa Carey moved that we approve the vote as presented.

Jorge Paganin seconded the motion. The motion carried. The IBPA Board stands as:

Lisa Carey and Peggy Palmer	Co-Chairs
Ann Oliver	Treasurer
Corine Gantz	Secretary

Activities

“IBowlarama” to take place at Woodlake Bowl in Woodland Hills. (Date to be confirmed by A. Staiano)
Current Diploma students will form teams with IB teachers and compete for perpetual trophy.

A staff appreciation luncheon with an international theme for all AHS faculty and staff was suggested. Luncheon to take place during International week. The goal of the luncheon is to show appreciation to the AHS teacher and staff who are feeling the effects of the IB program in their work. It was suggested that this could also work as a breakfast as it would keep the costs down.

Fundraisers

Donor drive:

There will be three levels of giving. Each level will have its own incentive reward. One of these incentives will be a plaque of some kind on the “IB Tree of Knowledge”. There is a beautiful tree in a planter in the front of the school that could serve that purpose. Each plaque or tile will have the family name of the donor engraved on it. Donor Drive forms are currently being made for this.

Bike-a-thon in conjunction with LA Marathon

Held in March is a 26-mile bike race. IB and Pre-IB students would get pledge donations per mile. It was suggested maybe that we hold a silent auction in place of the bike-a-thon possibly in conjunction with the PFC Silent Auction.

California Strawberry Festival

Held May 15-16, 2010

IBPA would submit an original recipe using strawberries due next month for consideration. A non-profit application would be submitted for approval. If approved, the IBPA, with the help of Lisa Carey, who does the Festival PR, would find donors for the ingredients. Kids and parents would decorate and staff the booth, make the recipe and sell the product with 100% of the proceeds to go to the IBPA. The Festival usually draws a crowd of 70,000. Anyone who has an interesting strawberry recipe is urged to email Peggy Palmer pkpalmer@mac.com

Treasurer's Report

At this time no statement is available for distribution, however, members and parents were made aware of the IB's financial situation: The district has pledged \$25,000 a year toward the IB program but the rest of the money needs to be generated through fundraisers. The goal is to raise \$30,000 this year.

Guest Speakers

Ziona Friedlander reminded us how involvement of families is critical or the program will not survive. She shared her experience in fundraising for the PFC and explained how we need to find a way to personally reach the parents who are not in the room and tell them how involvement is vital. She suggested we find ways to each reach 3 families.

Andrew Staiano pointed out that there are currently 98 students enrolled in at least one IB course this year, which represents 5% of the Agoura Hills student body. Those are the families to reach.

Genie Vassels, who has been the VP of Development for the LA Zoo for the last ten years and raises money for that organization, has personal connections and relationships that might be of help in order to find a corporate sponsorship. She also suggested grant writing.

Upcoming Dates

Our next regular meeting is to be announced.

Sign-up sheets for committees involvement were offered for: Newsletter, Website, Membership, Volunteer, Archival and Donor Drive as well as separate Event Committees sign up sheets for IBowlarama, Donor Drive, Spring Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Bike-a-thon and California Strawberry Festival

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by, Secretary Corine Gantz
Signed by approval by Co-President Peggy Palmer.