

YHS PTA MINUTES
2/11/08

Welcome: Winter/Spring President Carolyn Marsh opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Her opening remarks centered on creating a nomination pool for officers and committee chairs for the 2008/2009 school year, urging incumbents to volunteer again. She announced that Neil Guttler had been nominated as YHS Teacher of the Year.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of January 2008 was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Debby Fairweather presented the report. She stated that the Phantom Phling had raised \$21,980. She is still awaiting receipts from some grant recipients.

Construction Committee: John Vihstadt stated that Patty Petroccione and he were meeting with AC officials to make sure that construction proceeded on track and on time.

Program: AGM College Advisors, comprised of Ray Anderson, Steve Garman, and Randy McKnight, presented a time line for the process of college applications. AGM provided sage advice about relieving pressure on the student, what college admission counselors are seeking in a successful applicant (top three: working hard in challenging courses, test scores, GPA –then, essay, recommendations, extracurricular activities, and a passion), and the importance of a broad educational plan including academic and financial considerations. They pointed out the importance of the student completing a “sample application” during the summer after Junior year. AGM answered specific questions, and promised additional written information that will be included on the PTA website, and in the PTA weekly emails.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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