

## **NJASC Meeting - Watchung Hills Regional High School Minutes for Tuesday, March 22, 2005**

### **Call to Order**

President, Jon Gregory, called the second meeting of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils 2005- 2006 Executive Board to order at 9:48 am on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at Watchung Hills Regional High School.

### **Review of Minutes**

Secretary Liz Duffy read the minutes of the last meeting from February 4, 2005. Executive Member Lindsay Wanko motioned to accept the minutes and Executive Member Frank Dipascali seconded.

### **Financial Report**

There was no financial information to be reported.

### **Correspondence**

Secretary Liz Duffy shared with the board an e-mail from former 2004-2005

State Secretary Ibiayi Briggs containing a congratulations to everyone on the board and information that she was unable to share with Liz because of not attending the cross over meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **A. State Board of Education Report**

State Board of Education Representative, Raymond Thompson, reported that former Board of Education Representative Katie Wright had previously spoke to the Board of Education about LTC. The last State Board did not accept the funds because that would enable the Board of Education to have some control over the curriculum and activities. This year's board agreed. Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego could not make it to his speech for the Board of Education and would have to reschedule.

#### **B. State Charity Report**

The top three charities for the new State Charity were chosen. State Charity Executive Member Frank Dipascali presented the board with the ten charities to choose from:

Tomorrow's Children Fun- an organization easing the pain and suffering of children fighting cancer or serious blood disorders

Children's Tournament of Champions- provides athletic competition for learning and physically challenged children

Give Kids the World- creates magical memories for children with life-threatening illnesses by granting their wishes.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: New Jersey Chapter- to cure and improve patients lives with leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma.

Operation Smile- to improve the quality of life in underprivileged nations in need of medical care.

Project Linus- provides handmade blankets and hand crafted toys to children suffering serious illness and trauma.

SPUD: Special Projects for the Underprivileged and Disabled- to provide donations and aid to other charities in need.

The Adam Taliaferro Foundation – provides grant money to New Jersey athletes who sustain severe spinal or related injury.

The Simpson-Baber Foundation for the Autistic, Inc.- to educate the public on Autism and provide educational, social, and recreational opportunities to children with Autism.

The Sunshine Foundation – grants wishes to terminally ill, abused, or chronically ill children.

The board then voted for their top three choices. The top three Charities are Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: New Jersey Chapter with 8 votes, Project Linus with 6 votes, and The Simpson-Baber Foundation for the Autistic, Inc with 9 votes. The top three charities for this year were accepted by the board.

#### C. Special Projects Report

The Community Smiles Awards will be sent to Executive Member Lindsay Wanko.

#### D. Review Report

Executive Member Stephanie Delserro displayed the rough draft of the Review to the board containing board member pictures and biographies. Some board members still have not given Stephanie a biography and need to do so as soon as possible.

#### E. Middle Level Report

Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego mailed a letter to the governor requesting for Student Council Week to be May 1st through May 7th. He also thanked all the board members who participated in BLT, which was a mini Leadership Training Conference in Brooklawn. It was a success and got many kids interested in LTC.

### **Advisor's Report**

#### A. National Conference

Mr. Dolce presented the Advisor's report due to the absence of Mr. Nolan and Mr. Fasanella. The National Conference to be held in June was discussed. Members attending the Conference will be flying on American Airlines. There will be two planes departing from Philadelphia on Friday, June 24, 2005. One will be leaving at 11:45am and arriving in St. Louis at 1:15pm. The other will leave at 1:45am and arrive in St. Louis at 3:30pm. The board will be coming home on June 30 and departing from St. Louis on two planes. One will leave there at 12:25pm and arrive at 3:50pm, and the other will leave at 1:45pm and arrive 5:25pm. Registration for Nationals is paid for by the NJASC. Airfare will cost \$425 and can be sent by schools to Mr. Fasanella at Holy Cross High School. There are 45 spots reserved. Advisors asked for the NJASC to send official cost information to schools. Side trips will include a St. Louis Cardinals game and a River Cruise.

#### B. Other

Executive Member Stephanie Delserro will be saying her speech in front of the State Board of Education next and should prepare a suitable non-controversial topic to speak about. As soon as she is finished putting the Review together it should be sent to Mr. Fasanella. LTC Training day has been moved to Saturday, April 16th at Brooklawn Middle School.

### **Old Business**

#### A. Website

Vice President Tim Burkly handed out a packet containing information about the NJASC website. He suggested that different State Officers give recaps of the meetings. There will be message boards for

students and advisors. Each State Officer will have their own NJASC e-mail accounts. President Jon Gregory asked for the board's approval to use \$1200 to initially start up the website. Vice President Tim Burkly motioned to accept this and Executive Member Frank Dipascali seconded.

### **New Business**

#### A. Community Smile

The Community Smile Award is given to member school based on the number of hours students in a school dedicate to the community. It is not based solely on Student Council events but also such clubs as the Key Club and National Honors Society. These applications will be sent to Executive Member Lindsay Wanko.

#### B. Charity

Will be notified and invited to prepare a presentation for the board to be shown at the next meeting in Phillipsburg. The presentation should be given by one representative and be about 15-20 minutes long. They may include a video. Board members should prepare questions to ask each charity represented.

#### C. Spring Awards Program May 5th

a) Student Entertainment- Still in need of a group willing to perform in the beginning of the program. A bulletin in the Review was suggested. They will perform for 45 minutes and receive tickets to Great Adventure for that day.

b) Workshops- There will be a presidents workshop, Nationals workshop, and a project swap shop. The chosen charity will also present at the spring program.

#### D. State Board of Education Information

State Board of Education Representative Ray Thompson gave the board contact information for their Board of Education speeches. The speeches should be faxed a week before the scheduled date of the meeting to Diane Shoener at 609-633-0267.

### **Adjournment**

Executive Member Lindsay Wanko motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Executive Member Stephanie Delserro. The second meeting of the 2005-2006 NJASC Executive Board was

adjourned at 10:46 am on Tuesday, March 22, 2005. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 22, 2005 at Phillipsburg High School.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duffy

NJASC Secretary