

NJASC Meeting - Phillipsburg High School Minutes for Friday, April 22, 2005

Call to Order

President Jon Gregory called the third meeting of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils 2005-2006 Executive Board to order at 9:54am on Friday, April 22, 2005 at Phillipsburg High School.

Review of Minutes

Secretary Liz Duffy read the minutes of the last meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2005. Executive Member Frank DiPascali motioned to accept the minutes and Executive Member Lindsay Wanko seconded. The minutes were accepted as read.

Financial Report

There was no financial information to be reported.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Committee Reports

A. State Board of Education Report

State Board of Education Representative Raymond Thompson reported that Vice President Tim Burkly is the next member to make his speech in front of the Board of Education.

B. State Charity Report

Executive Member Frank DiPascali informed the board that the top three charities chosen by the board at the last meeting were invited to come speak. One of those charities, Project Linus, chose not to attend. The two charities that will make presentations to the board during the break are The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: New Jersey Chapter and The Simpson-Baber Foundation for the Autistic, Inc.

C. Special Projects Report

Executive Member Lindsay Wanko received the following three applications late for the Community Smile Award Lebanon Burroughs High School with 2,000 hours, Cinnaminson High School with 6,378 hours, and Williamstown High School with 3,000 hours. Community Smile Awards will be given out at the Spring Awards Program along with Standards of Excellence Award. Lindsay shared with the board the schools and amount of points given for Standards of Excellence-Belvedere received 108.5, Edison-111, Madison- 106, Neptune-108, Collingswood- 110, Allentown- 107, and Union- 84 points.

D. Review Report

Executive Member Stephanie Delserro shared the proofread and updated version of the Review. She still has not received a biography form AA Travis! It was suggested to promote the website on the Review. Mr. Nolan informed Stephanie that the Review couldn't be in color.

E. Middle Level Report

Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego is still waiting for a response from the governor. He will present Student Council Week at the Spring Awards Program in May.

Advisors Report

Advisor Mr. Nolan shared his apologies to the board for missing the last meeting. He informed the board that Nationals registration would be sent in today. Mr. Fas will be on the first flight leaving Philadelphia and Mr. Nolan will be on the second. He also let the board know that Nationals are now aware of the NJASC website. MJ is now in Africa so nothing new will be added or updated for a while on the website. Mr. Fas then informed the board that him and Mr. Nolan may not be seeking another term as NJASC advisors because of difficulties with their school. There will be an opening for next year and new advisors will be selected by the Advisors Committee. Mr. Fas and Mr. Nolan hope to be able to finish out the term for the rest of the two years they have. Mr. Fas then explained how LTC numbers are down again this year. Last year 70 less delegates attended than the year before. Sports are starting earlier and it is hurting LTC. There is recruiting this year and 80 schools will be visited to recruit. NJASC is also looking into allowing companies to offer funding in order to help pay for delegates to attend. The board's LTC training day must be rescheduled. The meeting is now tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 15.

Old Business

A. Website

The website is up and working great. It establishes a needed level of communication. Vice President Tim Burkly described to the board that the forums are our connection to students in New Jersey. The board should sign up for them and check their e-mails frequently. The website is in need of special projects information and news topics. President Jon Gregory explained the need to publicize the website. The board needs a banner with the website on it for Great Adventure. Jon sent a letter to advisors about the website and an announcement will be sent to schools informing them of the NJASC website.

Standards of Excellence

Executive Member Lindsay Wanko asked for a motion to accept schools receiving over 90 points for the Standards of Excellence Award, which are Belvedere High School, Edison High School, Madison Junior High School, Collingswood High School, and Allentown High School. Vice President Tim Burkly motioned to accept the schools eligible for the Standards of Excellence Award and Executive Member Stephanie Delserro seconded. Executive Member Frank DiPascali then motioned to accept the school receiving the Community Smile Award and Middle Level Representative seconded. All school receiving awards were unanimously accepted by the board.

New Business

A. National Convention

NJASC shirts are being made for the board and advisors to wear at Nationals and Regional Conference. Hats, buttons and shirts will be mailed in June.

Spring Awards

1) Student Entertainment

Treasure Danielle Centi suggested her Parsippany Hills High School's Drum Line to perform at the Spring Awards Program. The group consists of about 10- 15 kids who will perform and receive tickets to Great Adventure for the day. NJASC will pay for a bus. Executive Member Lindsay Wanko also has a singing group from Bayonne High School called the B Sharps. Both groups may perform sessions. The board should try to arrive between 8:30- 8:45.

2) Agenda

Mr. Fas then went over the agenda for the Spring Awards Program. Executive Member Lindsay Wanko and former Executive Member Lyndsey Piecyk will present the Community Smile and Standard of Excellence Awards. A check will then be presented to Buddy Ball by former Executive Member Brian Furgione, and Executive Member Frank DiPascali will announce the new charity. Rides in the theme park Great Adventure will open at 10:30. The following workshops will be offered: Presidents, Top Ten Projects, Middle Level Swap Shop, Charity Workshop, State Board of Education, and LTC. After the workshops are finished there will be one more meeting for anyone coming to the National Conference. Mr. Fas informed the board that the NJASC has sent packets to two New York schools and a school from Maryland who would like to join us and have invited them to LTC.

Administrator of the Year

Applications for the Administrator of the year are now due by July 1st instead of in May. The winner will therefore be announced at the October business meeting at the beginning of the next school year. Executive Member Stephanie Delserro motioned to accept the update and Executive Member Lindsay Wanko seconded.

At 11:00am State Board of Education Representative Raymond Thompson motioned to break for lunch and hear the presentations of the charities. Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego seconded. President Jon Gregory called the meeting back to order at 1:05 pm

Charity

After hearing both charities presentations the board voted by secret ballot on the charity of their choice. The Simpson-Baber Foundation for the Autistic, Inc. was then chosen as the State Charity by a majority vote. Executive Member Frank DiPascali asked for a motion to accept the new State Charity. Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego motioned and Executive Member Lindsay Wanko seconded. Frank will notify The Simpson- Baber Foundation that they have been chosen and invite them to speak at the Spring Awards Program in Great Adventure on May 5th. \$156,000 was raised for last year's Charity. The 2005-2006 Executive Board set a goal of \$150,200.60 to be raised for this year's Charity. Executive Member Stephanie Delserro motioned to accept the amount and Middle Level Representative Alex Gallego seconded.

Adjournment

President Jon Gregory Adjourned the third meeting of the NJASC 2005-2006 Executive Board at 1:17pm. The board will meet again on May 5th for the Spring Awards Program at Six Flags Great Adventure.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Duffy

NJASC Secretary