

## **NJASC Meeting - Allentown High School Minutes for Friday, March 17, 2006**

### **Call to Order**

President Tiffany Peng called the second meeting of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils 2006-2007 Executive Board to order at 9:23am on Friday, March 17, 2006.

### **Review of Minutes & Attendance**

Secretary Carly Lagrotteria read the minutes. After a few grammatical changes, Executive Member Kyle Gardner moved to accept the minutes and Treasurer David Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer David Lee reported that the NJASC Treasury's deposits and transactions are \$10,467.00 but he does not have a formal report because the signature needs to change from last year's Treasurer Danielle Centi to his own.

### **Correspondence**

President Tiffany Peng received information from Maryanne Prestinik about a charity called NephCure, which was reviewed with the other charities. Executive Member Justin Halpern also received information about a charity from his school which he emailed to Executive Member Kyle Gardner. Secretary Carly Lagrotteria and Vice-President Brittany Petrella each received emails from a potential motivational speaker.

### **Committee Reports**

a. Vice-President – Vice-President Brittany Petrella discussed her efforts to get local newspapers to come see the Spring Awards at Six Flags in order to report on the work done by the NJASC and its members.

b. State Board of Education Report – State Board of Education Representative John Blakeslee reported on the happenings of his first State Board Meeting. He informed the NJASC Executive Board about the different ideas circulating through the State Board regarding the College Board, AP Tests, and a possible

curriculum of pre-AP classes, college courses and college education in New Jersey High Schools. He also discussed NJQSAC, which will possibly be used to evaluate Abbott districts in New Jersey. The details of the program are still being worked out but the State Board is attempting to get it going in November. No Executive Board Member will be speaking for next month.

c. Charity – Executive Member Kyle Gardner saved his report for the discussion of potential charities for the NJASC.

d. Special Projects – Executive Member Jessica Peterson is going to redirect the addresses on the Community Smile and Standard of Excellence forms to her home address. The Community Smiles forms are on the website and are due before the Spring Awards at Six Flags.

e. Review – Executive Member Justin Halpern asked Executive Member Kyle Gardner and President Tiffany Peng to email their biographies to him. He reported that all the photography release forms from the NJASC Executive Board Members were handed in. He also informed the Board of the contents of the first Review. It will consist of the Executive Board Members' biographies, important dates, deadlines, information concerning the website, explanation of the theme, the information for schools looking to send in articles, and some LTC testimony. He is also looking to put the Review on the website. The charity selection will be on the following Review.

f. Middle Level Report – Middle Level Representative Brian Sumner had nothing to report.

### **Advisor's Report**

NJASC Advisor Wendy Booth Sitzler discussed Leadership Training Camp. Currently, there are only 32 people signed up for the first session, 32 people signed up for the second session with 19 people undecided on which session to attend. The staffing meeting was moved until after the Spring Awards at Six Flags. The advisors will have two one hour workshops – one similar to the Team Time workshop at Leadership Training Camp and the other will explain the NJASC charity. Staff members from Leadership Training Camp will come to help run the workshops. At Nationals, there will be workshops from Bordentown Regional & Lou Miller. Currently the numbers for Nationals are not accurate. Missing from the list are some Executive Board Members, NJASC Advisor Wendy Booth Sitzler, and some schools. There were 1225 students and 152 advisors in attendance at the January Convention

### **Old Business**

g. NASC Conference at North Penn

Nationals discussed in NJASC Advisor Wendy Booth Sitzler's report.

h. Other

## **New Business**

### **i. Spring Awards Program**

#### **I. Student Entertainment**

After much discussion, potential ideas for student entertainment at the Spring Awards were a magic show by Executive Member Jessica Peterson, a group from Middle Level Representative Brian Sumner's school, a step team and a drum line. Each Executive Member with a group from their school was instructed to know by next meeting if the group could attend. At the next meeting, the timing for the entertainment will be set up. The problem of too much entertainment is the students get antsy. The Executive Board decided to mix up the schedule from last year. The Executive Board also decided to do a sun dance the night before.

#### **II. Workshops**

Those who are attending Nationals must attend a workshop at the Spring Awards. Mike Pierce is making a new shirt design. The Executive Board might sleepover at Vice-President Brittany Petrella's house before the Spring Awards in order to ensure the timely presences of all the Executive Board Members.

A motion for a recess to look over the potential charities was called by Vice-President Brittany Petrella at 10:11am. It was seconded by Executive Member Jessica Peterson. Motion passed. The recess ended at 10:31 am.

### **j. Charity Selection**

Executive Member Kyle Gardner read through the packet he had given each Executive Board Member about each potential charity. After much discussion, Executive Member Justin Halpern moved to accept the Adam Taliaferro Foundation and the Little Rock Foundation as two of the top three charities who would send a representative to the next NJASC Executive Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary Carly Lagrotteria. Motion passed. After even more discussion, Treasurer David Lee motioned to accept NephCure as the third charity. The motion was seconded by State Board of Education Representative John Blakeslee. Motion passed. The final top three potential charities for NJASC 2006-2007 are the Adam Taliaferro Foundation, the Little Rock Foundation, and NephCure. Each charity representative will get twenty minutes to present in front of the Executive Board. They are not allowed to bring patients, and the representative has to be an adult member from the charity. They are asked to provide a break down of their budget, a plan for what would they do with \$125,000, and a guarantee that all money donated by the NJASC will stay in New Jersey.

### **k. Other**

**Adjournment**

Secretary Carly Lagrotteria motioned to adjourn the meeting. Executive Member Jessica Peterson seconded that motion. The second meeting of the 2006-2007 NJASC Executive Board was adjourned at 11: 48am. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at Lenape High School.