

DRAFT Minutes
Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association
General Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Co-President Judy Moore called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Co-Presidents' Report. Judy announced that:

- College Night, on May 1, was a success. She thanked Karen Mooney, chair of the College Committee, and her committee.
- The PA received pledges equal to last year's during its Phonathon on May 12-14. Thanks to Harvey Blumm and Jennifer Chiang, the Phonathon co-chairs, and to Kiki Dinos for organizing food for the volunteers. Parents are encouraged to ask their employers about matching pledges.
- Graduation is 9:30 a.m., June 25 at Lincoln Center.
- The number of Advanced Placement English classes being offered for next year will increase from four to six.
- People interested in applying for the job of Parent Coordinator for Stuy should contact Judy or Principal Stanley Teitel by May 23.
- An informational meeting about the WTC health registry is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Thurs., June 5 in the Stuyvesant theater.
- Parents are invited to share information about the college process at a meeting scheduled for 6:45 p.m., Wed., June 11. Contact Harvey Blumm (hblumm@aol.com) for information or to help.
- The College Office does not yet have complete data about this year's college acceptances but Pat Cleary, head of the office, says acceptances have not dropped off from last year's numbers.
- Family Orientation is June 14. Contact Hannah Li (hli57@yahoo.com) if you can help.

Minutes. April 15 PA general meeting minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report. Judy Moore reported that the Appropriations Committee recommends two budget items: about \$7,000 for the production of a 16-month calendar proposed by the Centennial Committee and \$10,000 to support a six-week summer math and science program for talented Stuyvesant students to be run by Assistant Principal Danny Jaye. The appropriations were moved, seconded and approved.

Recognition Ceremony for Mentors and Advisors

Roger Kim, Co-chair of the Intel/Research Committee, thanked the teachers and mentors who have helped Stuyvesant students prepare research projects. He said the Intel/Research Committee hopes more parents and people in the science and math community will volunteer as mentors. He described a mentor as someone who plants a seed, encouraging a student to begin and complete a research project. He advised parents to contact research coordinator Anne Manwell if they know of people who could mentor Stuyvesant students or would like to be mentors themselves.

Bruce Winokur, Stuyvesant's Intel math research course instructor, said that without mentors Stuyvesant students would not have experienced such success in research competitions. Mr. Winokur was the advisor for this year's three Stuyvesant Intel finalists.

Principal Stanley Teitel, noting that he was Stuyvesant's research coordinator before becoming principal, said encouraging a high school student to do research can spark an interest that will lead to college success and a career in research.

The following mentors and advisors were recognized: Sylvain Cappell, David Holland, Charles Peskin, Fred Greenleaf and Danny Folger of the New York University Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences; Denis Pelli and MariaLuisa Martelli of the NYU Department of Psychology; Marcello Magnasco and Donald Pfaff of Rockefeller University; Donald Bucher and Dalia Bulgaris of the Stuyvesant Chemistry Department; Roslyn Bierig, Bert Beiderman, Anne Manwell, Marianna Reep, Dorothy Suecoff, John Utting and Anne Moehle of the Stuyvesant Biology Department; Ellen Scheitzer of the Stuyvesant Social Studies Department; Bruce Winokur and Daniel Jaye of the Stuyvesant Mathematics Department, Michael Zamansky of the Stuyvesant Computer Science Department and Lydia Schulman of the Stuyvesant English Department.

Reports and New Business

Bylaws. Judy Moore presented a revised set of bylaws that had been approved by the Executive Board at its May 6 meeting. She said the changes were posted on the PA website and copies of the bylaws were available from Peggy Harvey. The bylaws will be voted on at the June PA general meeting.

College Statistics. College Advisor Pat Cleary said she had been surprised by an assertion in a recently circulated e-mail that acceptances of Stuyvesant students to top colleges dropped dramatically this year. Ms Cleary said the assertion was not true and gave statistics comparing this year's acceptances to those from the 2000-2001 school year. She said the false assertion is damaging to the college office and to the students.

PA Elections. Carey Meltzer, a member of the Nominating Committee, introduced the election process and rules for speakers. She noted that the ballot box would be open until 9 p.m. Candidates addressed the audience. The membership voted by acclamation to approve Richard Roth who was running unopposed for Assistant Treasurer.

School Leadership Team. Judy Moore reported that a consultant from Intercultural Development Research Associates had visited Stuyvesant and will make a formal report to the School Leadership Team. She also said that 1) the SLT had received the school's Comprehensive Educational Plan for the 2003-2004 school year; 2) students can now get credit for government internships; 3) a proposal to shorten the school day while retaining the full 10 periods was vetoed by teachers, and 4) a proposed phone system for the College Office has not yet been installed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The ballot box remained open until 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Ritter, Recording Secretary