

RAGSDALE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012

I. The April 2012 meeting of the Ragsdale PTSA Board was called to order on Monday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM by President Rebecca Scheffer.

In Attendance: Ana Atwater, Annette Bryant, Lisa Cook, Vickie Ebright, Mike Ellis, Joelle Fucini, Sara Lempp, Carole Neale, Dr. Kathy Rogers, Kelley Schaefer and Rebecca Scheffer

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes: Mike Ellis distributed the minutes from the March 5, 2012 Board meeting for review. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Sara Lempp and seconded by Lisa Cook to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report: Sara Lempp presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2012. (Attached). Highlights pointed out by Sara were income in the amount of \$776.04 from Harris Teeter under Donations-Business. This brings the total Business Donations to \$1,860.25 for the year and we will still get one more check from Harris Teeter. Also included in income was a \$1,000 check for "manning" the football ticket gate. Also reported that donations were received in the amount of \$6,985 for the We R Ragsdale campaign. Two Enrichment Grants in the amount of \$343.91 were paid to Ms. VanThillo and Coach Harmon. The checkbook balance as of 4/2/2012 was \$20,673.32.

IV. Reports of Officers:

A. President Rebecca Scheffer:

Rebecca said that she had forwarded the latest Ragsdale PTSA Newsletter to Guilford County Superintendent of Schools Mo Green, School Board Member Paul Daniels and Central Region Superintendent Terry Worrell. She shared a note she had received from Mr. Daniels after he had reviewed the Newsletter.

Rebecca shared that we had received a Communications Award from the NC PTA. Featured in our nomination were our new website, our on-line newsletter, and our coverage in the Jamestown News. Sam Kakanui, David Drewry, Carole Kennedy, and Donna McLamb are to be commended for all their efforts in these areas of improved communication at RHS and for the recognition we received for them.

B. Vice President Ana Atwater: Ana shared a note addressed to the Board from Jeff Scheffer thanking the Board for the donation made in memory of his father to the We R Ragsdale campaign.

C. Principal's Report – Dr. Rogers: Construction is still on schedule and moving ahead as planned. Report Cards were sent home with the students on Monday, April 2nd. A question was asked about Parent Assist and Dr. Rogers said that 1,126 people were now enrolled. Diane Hicks is the person on staff that is responsible for promoting Parent Assist.

Discussed Athletic Booster Club as the County is reviewing all Booster Clubs. Dr. Rogers had stated that our Club is already in compliance with what the County is proposing.

Dr. Rogers stated that the end of year Exam Schedule has not been changed and that the dates are from Wednesday, May 30 through Monday, June 4.

Dr. Rogers answered a question about technology once the construction is completed and she indicated that Ragsdale should have all of the newest technology.

School will be completely closed, no personnel in building, during Spring Break as Construction will be doing work.

- D. **Membership** – Kelley Schaefer/Tia Crouch: We ended the year with 348 members. Rebecca shared that we received the Bronze Acorn Award for a 15% increase in membership over the prior year and also the Ruby Acorn Award for 100% teacher membership.

V. Reports of Committee Chairs

- A. **Awards – Lisa Cook / Adele McGugan:** Lisa, Rebecca and Ana gave information about the awards that were submitted for consideration by the Guilford County PTA. The categories and nominees from Ragsdale are as follows: Instructional Assistant – Vito Capra; Outstanding Educator – Alicia Brown; Volunteer – Lisa Cook; Male Involvement – Mike Ellis; President’s Award – Rebecca Scheffer; Principal’s Award – Dr. Kathy Rogers; Single Project Award – College Application Week; Communications Award – Sam Kananui for Website, David Drewery for Newsletter & Carole Kennedy/Donna McLamb for Jamestown News articles. The Awards Dinner will be Thursday, May 3 @ 6:00 PM at Grimsley High School.
- B. **Newsletter – David Drewery:** We discussed doing one more Newsletter before the end of the year in order to publicize all that has been accomplished this year. The deadline for article submission to David will be Friday, May 4th and hope to have the Newsletter out by Tuesday, May 15th. **(Note: after the meeting, the deadline for submissions of articles was changed to Friday, April 27th.)**
- D. **Hospitality – Ana Atwater / Annette Bryant:** The snacks for staff on St. Patrick’s Day was a success. Had two chicken nugget trays from Chick-fil-A and other snacks. Will do “mailbox treats” for teachers/staff in May and Chick-fil-A has committed to providing their "new" cookies for this treat. June 11th will be the end of year luncheon for teachers/staff.
- E. **Enrichment Grants – Joelle Fucini:** Joelle has six requests for new grants: (1) Barthell for ‘young gentlemen’s program’; (2) Gore for Disc Golf; (3) Van Thillo for color overlays; (4) Byrd for model of Kidney, lung and skin; (5) Bair for Algebra I Boot Camp; (6) Harmon for 15 magazine subscriptions to Choices Magazine.
- F. **Academic Incentives – Vickie Ebright / Angie Mangum:** Vickie will get information about report cards that went home today and will do the awards. She has everything she needs, was just waiting for report cards.
- G. **Furniture Market – Carole Neale / Kelly Mantek:** Carole reviewed the dates of the Furniture Market (Saturday, 4/21 through Wednesday, 4/25). Still have volunteer slots open. Contact Kelly Mantek (kmantek@triad.rr.com) or Carole Neale (cneale@triad.rr.com) to volunteer for the Furniture Market fundraiser. Have gotten some teachers as volunteers for the fundraiser. Earned \$3,400 for the Fall Market and Carole would like to exceed that amount for the Spring Market.
- H. **Extravaganza – Lisa Cook:** Lisa reported that things are going well with the planning for the event. Approximately \$7,000 has been raised to date. The last fundraising event will be at Hungry Howies on Tuesday, 4/24. For those who order and mention Extravaganza, Hungry Howies will donate 10% to the Committee. Lisa also mentioned that the senior breakfast will be held at GTCC on June 7th.
- I. **We R Ragsdale – Ana Atwater:** Ana gave an update on the fundraising for the campaign. Donations are right at \$16,000. Still meeting with digital sign companies and John Atwater has a meeting schedule with one of them on Tuesday. Have added two people to the committee who have promised to help with fundraising.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – Rebecca discussed the Nomination Committee which is made up of Alicia Brown (faculty representative), Lisa Cook and Adele McGugan. They will have their slate of officers to present to the Board at the 5/7 Board Meeting and the slate will then be presented and voted on at the May 21st General PTSA Meeting.

VIII. Announcements/Dates –

- Friday, 4/6 – Holiday / No School
- Monday, 4/9 – Friday, 4/13 – Spring Break (Note: No one at school during this week)
- Tuesday, 4/24 – Hungry Howie’s fundraiser for Extravaganza
- Saturday, 4/21 – Wednesday, 4/25 – Volunteers needed for Furniture Market
- Friday, 4/27 – Deadline to submit articles for Newsletter
- Month of May is Teacher Appreciation Month
- Thursday, 5/3 – Guilford County PTA Awards Banquet – Grimsley High School
- Monday, 5/7 @ 6:30 PM – Ragsdale PTSA Board Meeting
- Monday, 5/21 @ 7:00 PM – LAST General PTSA Meeting / Spring Concert

IX. Adjournment: President Rebecca Scheffer adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Ellis
Secretary