TJHSST ACADEMIC BOOSTERS, INC.
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2006

Attendees:

Patricia Gabriel, Andrea Field, Marie Romais, Dennis Linnell, John Repetski, Mira Nezar and Mary Thornton.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. in the Career Center.

Treasurer's Report

Mira indicated that the balance as if 1/19/06 was $12,437.94 compared with $11,478.01 on 11/16/05, but the current balance does not take into account $560 promised to the Latin Team or the money we owe for the nut sale. We are still not sure how much they are owed, but Mira said the bills we have now come to $1,908.56.

Old Business

Pat moved and Mary seconded that the minutes of the meeting of Nov. 17, 2005, be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

Nut Sale – We are still not sure how much we made on the nut sale, since we don’t know exactly how much we still owe the nut company. Any suggested that it may be more trouble than it is worth, and that the doughnut sale seems more cost effective.

Academic Team Rosters – Pat asked about that status the membership lists for academic teams. We have current lists for MUN, Debate, It’s Academic, Math. We have an oldish list for Chess team, the Ocean Bowl list is allegedly on the way, and no list for Japan Bowl, Latin, computer, Future Problem Solvers and Odyssey of the Mind.

Membership drive – Mira suggested that John Repetski should go through the team rosters and that we should send letters to parents whose kids participate but are not AB members. John said he will do that.

Alumni fundraising – Pat suggested putting Mark Mildorf, possibly in allegiance with Ed Daniher, in charge of a fundraising effort in which we would send a letter, signed by Mark and Ed, to parents of alumni who were active on academic teams.
New Business

Japan Bowl – Andy said that Japan Bowl has requested another $500 for competition registration fees. Andy suggested an extra $100 in addition to the $100 they already received and to stress whether the member families are AB supporters before we decide on any further funding.

Web Site – Dennis Linnell, who along with his wife Vicky has created an AB web site, said he needed names, titles, email addresses for AB board members, and they were provided. He said he has links to web sites for clubs that have them, but has no pages yet for clubs without web sites. Dennis said that we need a merchandise chair if we want to sell AB merchandise over our site. Pat said she would be the chair since she has the keys to the closet, but she can’t promise how fast her response might be because she has to teach classes. Dennis also said he needs Academic team news to put on the site, and he said that academic awards will be updated on the sight probably just once a year. The minutes will also be posted on the AB site after being forwarded to Andy to check off on.

PTSA Newsletter – the newsletter is also looking for photos from academic teams.

Calendar -- Freshman visit night, where we sell AB goodies, will be April 19. We’ll need to be there by 4:30 to set up. The awards ceremony will be June 6, and we will use the same format we used last year, holding the event in the cafeteria with finger foods and desserts. Andy will double check to make sure this date is okay.

Student Allocation Fund – Andy says there is a $2,500 line item in the PTSA budget called the student allocation fund and that any student is eligible to apply. She suggested that academic teams might want to apply for last-minute expenses that were not planned for, and that we should keep this in mind when we get late requests. Marie added that the Virginia High School League provides some funding for Debate, and she suggested that Mary Ann Donohue should check whether It's Academic might also get some funding because they are probably eligible.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thornton
Secretary