Attendees:

Andrea Field, Marie Romais, Vicky Linnell, Mary Thornton, Mira Nezar, Qi Wang, and John Repetski.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 in the Career Center.

Treasurer’s Report:

Mira indicated that the balance as of March 15, 2006, was $10,895.29, following the Disbursement of $560 to the Latin Club, $100 to the Japan Bowl and $1,908.56 to the Nut company.

Old Business:

Nut Sales – Andy informed the board that we netted only about $800 from the nut sales and strongly recommended that Boosters not do this fund raiser next year because it is not worth the work involved to do it.

Membership issues – Andy indicated that we have brought in nearly $2000 from our mailing to non-member parents whose children are active on academic teams. As of now the membership percentages stand at:
Debate 22% are members in Academic Boosters
MUN 20%
It’s Academic 51.4%
Chess: 54%
Japan 20%
Math 37%
Ocean Bowl 20%

Andy will mail letters to TJ alumni parents from members of last year’s class who were active on academic teams asking for contributions. The letters have been signed by Mark Mildorf, Ed Danaher and Alan Krishnan.

Additional Grants – The Chess Team asked for an additional $1000 to take 11 team members to the nationals. We voted to give them $625. We also voted an additional $1,000 for It’s Academic, $1000 for the Math Team, and $1375 for MUN.

Awards Night – It will be held on Wednesday, June 7, and will start at 6:30 with food and desserts with the program beginning at 7:00. Marie and Mary agreed to coordinate food once
John provides us a list of members who have checked to box indicating they are willing to help with food. When Andy asked for a volunteer to coordinate with the school for the use and staffing of the cafeteria, Marie agreed to interface with Mrs. Lee (which may be all we need as far as the cafeteria coordination). Last year, Pat Groves in the front office received the food in the office for us. Mira said she will take care of the gift certificates for the team coaches. Andy said she will take care of reserving the cafeteria for next year’s awards night ceremony (which will probably be held on June 5 or 6).

Web site – Vicky asked that we continue to send photos and news to post on the site.

**New Business:**

Officers – We need to vote on next year’s officers at the awards night, but they must be put before the membership before then. It was decided that Qi will design the invitation and send it to Vicky for the web site and the John who will email the invitation, along with the slate of officers, to the membership. Qi has agreed to serve as president if we can get someone knowledgeable/helpful to serve as vice president. John will continue to be the membership chair, and Marie and Mary will share the secretary job. We still need candidates to serve as vice president and treasurer.

Fundraising opportunities – On rising freshman night, April 19, Mary will arrive by 4:30 and attempt to commandeer a table near the front of the cafeteria. We will have members of the math team to bring our boxes of merchandise from the storage closet, to help with sales and to conduct an inventory. They will return our items to the storage closet afterward. Also, we will have an opportunity to sell our items at the TJ @ 20 picnic on May 21. Qi indicated that she is willing to put together a DVD slide show from various team competitions that would be given for free to AB families and could be purchased by others. Andy also suggested having a plaque hung in the school that would include the names of people who contribute $500 or more to AB.

Future Funding – Vicky urged the boosters to be more like the athletic boosters, who require the parent representatives from various teams to attend the board meetings. Without attendance, she said, funding could be held up or denied.

**Future Meeting:**

Andy suggested and it was agreed that next month’s meeting should be held a day early, just after we finish with the rising freshman event.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.