

JAMS PTSA
Minutes of General Association Meeting
Thursday, November 2, 2006

Sheila Forsander, PTSA President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

First order was to accept the audit. Kerry Kline made a motion to accept the prepared audit, Dottie Kramer seconded. Motion was passed.

First order of business was to approve the minutes from the 9/14/06 meeting. A motion was made by Duilio Cascio and seconded by Allyson Dworkin to approve. Motion carried.

Next, Sheila made sure that all present and accounted for knew to vote in favor of Measure BB on the upcoming election ballot.

Annual Giving is still going strong. We are enormously grateful for all contributions, large or small!

Next, Dr. Jaana Juvonen from UCLA spoke about an upcoming survey to be held at JAMS of all 6th and 7th graders (who wished to take part) called "My classmates and I." Their goal is to understand how peer pressures influence children's behavior as they get older. More information will be made available through advisory classes.

After concluding all business, the PTSA sponsored "SAMOHI and Beyond" featuring Ms. Stacy Harvey, a counselor at SAMOHI. She spoke about the courses and pathways available to incoming 9th grade students, and requirements from JAMS to SAMOHI.

SAMOHI has six smaller communities called "houses", to give students and parents more connection. These houses provide counseling, programming, scheduling and student discipline counseling. She gave a lot of information to parents who attended this meeting. She encouraged everyone who had any questions to view the SAMOHI's website and access information regarding graduation requirements and admissions to colleges. Copies of the handouts from Ms. Harvey's presentation are available in Mr. Silver's office.

Samohi graduation requirements are similar to the University of California "A-G Requirements" and can be found on page 27 of 63 in the Samohi Information Handbook online. Go to: <http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/About/handbook.pdf>

The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wells, Secretary