

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1999 MEETING
OF THE 1999-2000 IMSA PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

November 13, 1999

I. Call to Order; quorum present

II. Administration Reports:

A. Matt Wicks:

An explanation was given regarding IMSA's capabilities of video conferencing PAC meetings statewide. If desired, locations and logistics need to be arranged. A survey will be conducted by Dennis Delfert among the Regional Reps. for a level of interest.

B. Eric McLaren, Principal;

1. Intercession - a catalog was distributed in October before the Fall Break. Students will be given their assignments before Thanksgiving. The options are also on the web. All intercession classes will be finalized by December.
2. It was announced that Wednesdays are an academic day, and a pre-arranged absence form must be completed. No recreational activities are allowed before 3:00. The RC'S have been notified.
3. The Daily Herald wrote a two page article about life at IMSA which appeared in the November 11 edition.
4. Interim reports are being mailed this week, and final grades will be mailed after the holidays.

III. Officer Reports:

A. Lorelei Keltner- Ridder, President, absent

B. Dennis Delfert, Vice President

1. Acting as President for today's meeting during Lorelei's absence.
2. Read the President's report.
3. The next newsletter will be assembled around the first of December, and everyone will be notified via email of the deadline.

C. Carol Berger, Secretary

1. Announced the importance of the Phone Tree and requested for those few who have yet not submitted their phone tree, please do so immediately.

D. David Kinney, Treasurer

1. Presented the situation with the Parent's Fund. The complications of last year have now been resolved , and all parents who desire to give to the Parents' Association, please check the appropriate box, Parents Association, on the fundraising envelope.
2. As of this date, the Phone-A-Thon as raised \$20,000 . Committed expenses for this year total \$25,725.81, and our available funds are \$30,000.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Technology - Mike Doyle

1. There was very good attendance, 20 people, at the last Technology Committee meeting.
2. The Committee would like funding approval for the Granger Lab and 2 IMac's

B. Student Life - Sandy Ohler

1. There is a proposal to allow RC's to entertain friends of the opposite sex for overnights. Parents' comments are welcomed.
2. The Wednesday night discussion meetings in the dorms are required, and each student must have an excused absence for not attending. Amy feels the discussions are productive and worthwhile.
3. There has been a slight problem of transportation to the train station on Friday nights. Students who finish class early are not riding the earlier vans, therefore ,a limited amount of space is available for students who finish class late (3:45). It is encouraged that students who finish class early and would like to catch a train, please ride the earlier vans. If you have any questions, please call Bob Hernandez.
4. Recreational facilities are fully staffed from the hours of 10-1pm and 6-8pm.
5. The position of Residential Coordinator will be filled by November 23 which will probably be an interim position only.
6. The Student Council will be providing snack nights during Final Week. There will also be fully clothed massages available for \$10.
7. The limited access to wings other than the one the student resides is still be considered, but nothing decided. However, the students are being encouraged not to open the door to anyone, even parents. So, it is encouraged for all parents not to impose upon the students to open the door. Parents are asked to use the phone outside of each dorm .
8. The amount of sleep students are getting on campus is a concern among parents and the administration. If parents feel this is affecting your student, please contact your RC.

C. Food Committee - Tammie Hardick

1. The first meeting of the School Food Authority Committee was held. Representatives from the IMSA Administration, Student Council, Residential Life, Arbor and the PAC were present. Future meeting dates of 1pm Weds, Dec 1, 15, and Jan. 12 were established.
2. The total budget for food at IMSA is \$750,000. It has been estimated that in order to

provide whole meats, an increase of funds of about 30% is needed.

3. Discussion was held regarding the process of rebidding the current food service contract and the committee is currently working on a time frame for bidders. There have been at least two food service companies other than Arbor who have requested to be notified of the bidding schedule. Time was also spent going over the most current Health Department inspection. The dishwasher is not heating properly and there is too much disinfectant solution being used.
4. The students are working on a food survey to be given during the Wednesday night programming. This would be in place of the current survey that Arbor administers. The idea of providing some kind of "bribe" to get the students to participate was also mentioned. This survey would cover all concerns that the students have including dietary restrictions (for any reason). This would be followed by an open forum discussion to address any food related issues that surface as a result of the survey.
5. It was also brought up that the current menus are not being posted and no nutritional data is available. Tammie will be providing Josh Kinney with a computer program to do nutritional analysis and Josh has agreed to enter recipes as part of his work service hours.
6. Anyone interested in attending a committee meeting should contact Tammie Hardick  815-260-4810 or by email at eyeful_tower@yahoo.com.

D. Committee on Academic Counseling - Gail Peck

1. The committee will distribute lists of college addresses and information regarding visitations.
2. For assistance with funding for college education, you may call 1-800-FED-AIDE, or visit the web site at www.uis.edu/scc
3. The CAC is compiling data and will accommodate at your request information regarding college fairs, on and away from campus, a timeline for college search, entrance exams, PSAT, SAT, ACT, etc. The possibility of vans taking students to off campus college fairs is being made available.

E. Academics - Ev Prested

1. The committee discussed an overview of the curriculum and is presently doing an assessment.
2. If sophomore parents have a concern regarding the science curriculum, please contact the committee.
3. Presently, the academic committee is meeting at 8:30 AM on Saturdays before the PAC meeting. However, if more parents could attend in the afternoons following the PAC meetings, please contact Ev Prested.
4. A designated time for interim reports and final grades to be mailed would be appreciated. Final grades are due January 10, and will be mailed on the following Friday.
5. The ethics form required to be signed by in-coming students should be signed each year by all students, and not just one time as a new student.
6. A question was asked regarding the Perspective Curriculum, do all students remain in the program for three years? If a student decides not to remain on this track, is there a gap in education? The committee will look into this question.

F. Student Council

1. Snacks will be provided during final week and letters are being sent to parents.

IV. Old Business

A. An amendment was made to the minutes of October 16 regarding the time of the Student Life Committee. It will be begin at 8:45 am. The amendment was passed and the motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Mike Doyle and seconded by David Kinney. Motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Moses Harris and seconded by John Wild to accept the expenditures as stated by Treasurer David Kinney. (See insert). Motion carried.

V. New Business:

A. A proposal was made by the Technology Committee for the PAC to purchase 2 IMAC's and a digital camera for the Granger Lab. The amount is \$4400.00. A motion was made by David Kinney and seconded by Moses Harris. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Student Life requested \$3500.00 to be used for transportation for student weekend activities. In addition, \$600.00 was solicited by Bob Hernandez and Amy Burnett to provide higher quality DJ's for dances, etc. A motion was made by David Kinney and seconded by Pam Gast. Dennis Delfert requested the reporting of where and how the funds will be specifically be spent. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

C. Mary Beth and Steve Lauricella were commended for their outstanding job as Chairpersons of this year's Phone-a-Thon.

D. It was announced that Region 9 has their own web-site.

E. It was announced that the Senior Dinner Committee is in place and Betty Dietrich is the Chairwoman.

F. The question was raised regarding Senior Reps. coordinating regional informational meetings. More discussion later.

G. A comment was made regarding the information on IMSA's web site about residential life. It could be confusing for new parents. Eric McLaren has heard this comment before and will look into it.

H. The downstate meeting in Peoria will be held on February 19 in Peoria at Bradley University. Depending upon requests, a bus will be provided for students/parents interested in visiting the campus.

I. Again, a big thanks goes to Kathy Clair for providing the coffee and soliciting snacks for today's meeting and serving as hostess.

J. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm. A motion for adjournment was made by Moses Harris, and seconded by John Wild. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Berger and Jana Fitting.