

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – MAY 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Andrea Shosfy at 9:28 a.m. who thanked the membership for coming today and expressed her appreciation for the dedicated PTSA volunteers at Palmetto High.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 15, 2009, General Membership Meeting were presented. A motion was made by Nancy Harter to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Isabel McBrayer and approved.

Principal's Report (Given by Ms. Shosfy): Principal Weiner was unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting. The anticipated, revised exam schedule will be posted today after the final vote is taken at the School Board meeting. It is likely that the objective exams will remain as they were originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th, Wednesday, May 27th, and Thursday, May 28th. The essay exam schedule will be changed as follows: On Friday, May 29th, there will be 3 exams, 1st, 3rd, and 5th periods; and, on Monday, June 1st, there will be 3 exams, 2nd, 4th, and 6th periods. On Tuesday, June 2nd, the students will be dismissed at noon, after attending 1st, 4th, 5th, and 6th period classes. Dismissal on Wednesday, June 3rd, and Thursday, June 4th, will be at 10:45 a.m. On Wednesday, students will attend their 1st and 2nd period classes; and, on Thursday, they will attend their 1st and 3rd period classes. Seniors have been excused from all essay exams. For the 2009-2010 year, school starts on Monday, August 24th.

Uniforms will be required dress at Palmetto High next year. The uniform committee (comprised of students, administrators, parents, and teachers) met recently to develop and revise uniform criteria. The committee voted in favor of requiring a logo or crest on the uniform shirts. The criteria is currently posted on the school's website. Mr. Weiner has also sent out two Connect-Ed messages about it and the criteria are listed on a hand out here today.

AA Uniform and Ibiley will both carry the approved uniforms and each offer several affordable 'packages' for purchase. These clothes can be bought anywhere, but the school logo or crest must be added to the shirts. AA and Ibiley will do that at a reasonable cost. "Spirit shirts" can be worn everyday or you have the option to get a waiver. Even if you obtain a waiver, the student must still comply with the Dade County School's dress code and wear the school-issued ID. Jackets with hoods are allowed, but students can't wear the hoods up as a 'fashion statement.' Various uniforms are on display in the school's entry corridor. Both uniform companies are offering 'specials' for purchases made prior to July 1st. Lynne Schaefer mentioned that "spirit shirts" must be preapproved by our Activities Director, Angie Lima, and be in the approved school colors. Nancy Harter reminded members that the wearing of the student ID is mandatory.

Treasurer's Report: Isabel McBrayer distributed a budget current through May 15th and stated there were no changes since our last meeting. Nancy Harter made a motion to add an expense line item to the budget to be entitled "Taste of Pinecrest 2009" with any funds to be used as EESAC designates. She explained that the Pinecrest Business Association's Taste of Pinecrest event held March 9th raised \$3,483.78 for our school. There are concerns that if this money is given to the school there is a risk that part of it might have to be given to the District. Principal Weiner has asked us to accept the proceeds as a line item expense entitled "Taste of Pinecrest 2009" with the proceeds to be used as EESAC designates. The motion was seconded by Karen Kett and all voted in favor. EESAC will decide how the money is spent. We are just holding it for them. Ms. Harter explained what EESAC is to new members. In response to a question, she clarified that EESAC money carries over from year-to-year so there is no time limit on it. Committee members have a two year term and membership is comprised of faculty, administrators, parents, students, and business representatives from the community. Besides other responsibilities, the committee decides how "A" school money gets distributed.

Elect Amended Proposed Executive Board: After the April meeting, some changes were made to the proposed 2009-2010 PTSA Executive Board. Isabel McBrayer made a motion to amend the slate from last month's meeting so that the new Recording Secretary would be Sheila Quint,

the new Corresponding Secretary would be Jennifer Solomon, and the new Parliamentarian would be Roxy Lancelli. Although requested, no nominations were made from the floor. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

Installation of 2009-2010 Executive Board: Conducted by Cheri Ball, the Executive Board was inaugurated, as follows:

President:	Isabel McBrayer
1 st Vice President:	Diane Wysong
2 nd Vice President:	Sue Montesino
3 rd Vice President:	Nancy Harter
Treasurer:	Hal Rosenfeld
Recording Secretary:	Sheila Quint
Corresponding Secretary:	Jennifer Solomon
Parliamentarian:	Roxy Lancelli

Recognitions and Thank You's: President Shosfy thanked everyone and said she has had a great two years. Her term as President was a good learning experience and she has grown a lot from it. It has been a pleasure working with everyone and she appreciated all our help.

President Shosfy recognized and thanked Executive Board members: Cipora Auslander, First Vice President (absent today), Nancy Harter, Second Vice President and Community Outreach, Becky Herget, Third Vice President, Book Sale, and Palmetto's nominee for Volunteer of the Year, Isabel McBrayer, Treasurer, Roxy Lancelli, Recording Secretary, Hal Rosenfeld, Corresponding Secretary, and Randi Trazenfeld, Parliamentarian (absent today).

Further, President Shosfy expressed gratitude to committee chairs and mentors for doing such wonderful jobs this past year: Claudia Glasson (absent today), Public Relations and Nominating Committee, Cheri Ball, Anniversary Committee, Mary Steele, Volunteer Coordinator, Lynne Schaefer, Attendance, E-Mail Communications, and Book Sale, Jennifer Wollman, Legislative, Book Sale, and Special Projects, Mercedes Sorensen and Carolina Friedhoff, Membership, Sima Miska, Health Programs, Karen Kett, Donations, Julia Shestopalov, Conrad Coke and Arlene Coke, Media Center, Patty Shapiro, Kim Foster Cosner, and Denise Kranichfeld, Newsletter, Sandra West, PTSA Reflections Arts program, Laurie Friedman, Staff Breakfast, Norma Miller, Hospitality General Meetings, Barbara Toland and Barbara Davis, College Fair Hospitality, Debbie Rosenthal and Karen Rosen, Holiday Luncheon, Lauren Mayer and Cindy Eisenberg, EOY Luncheon, Ann Flanders, Attendance, Cecilia Prah, Special Programs and Guidance, Caryn Tanis Boren, Taste of Pinecrest Volunteer Coordinator, and Heidi DeLisser, EESAC.

On behalf of the PTSA membership, Isabel McBrayer thanked President Shosfy for all her hard work and efforts these past two years. She was a great president and the entire Executive Board enjoyed her delicious baked goods at the Board meetings throughout her tenure. Finally, the membership expressed their appreciation to Lynne Schaefer for generously opening her home for our final meeting of the year.

EESAC Election: The committee is seeking four new members and two alternates. They usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 2:45 p.m. in Room 1005. Each term is two-years in length. As PTSA President, Isabel McBrayer, is automatically a member of EESAC. Andrea Shosfy made a motion to approve members, Terri Trivizas, Heidi DeLisser, Randi Trazenfeld, and Hal Rosenfeld, and to approve alternates, Susan Montesino and Krysh Sherman. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Roxy Lancelli, Recording Secretary

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