

Student Council Minutes (meeting was on 12/7/05)

Attendance was taken. The minutes were read. Michael Kim moved that the minutes be kept as read, Brian Bigler seconded, and the motion passed. Mohit gave the Treasurer's Report. Our new balance is \$7,927.69 due to \$408.00 taken in from I.D. sales, \$173.50 earned from Coke & Pepsi. The Council spent \$15.29 on a battery for the Red Devil mascot costume. Stephanie Dana and Megan Kochert will sell donuts this Friday (12/9). Paul Lim and Stephen Larew will sell donuts the following Friday (12/16). It was decided that the Council should now increase the donut supply to three dozen. Jon Biberstine pointed out that this meant whoever picks up the donuts must pay about \$15.00 instead of \$10.00. In Chad's absence, Ashley announced that he has made groups for the Mental Health Association Gift Lift. Ashley will give senior group leaders purchase orders tomorrow, and each leader will be in charge of organizing his or her group to buy \$50.00 worth of winter items from Super Target and bring the items to the Media Center by next Friday (12/16). Michael Kim and Jon Biberstine offered to help Brian and Ashley collect food after school for the Jubilee Christmas Food Drive. It was reported that there was no fundraiser for the tornado victims in Evansville at the West Side v. McCutcheon basketball game on 11/18. Chelsea Pekny did talk to Mr. Touloukian and received permission to hold a fundraiser. The Council will collect donations for Evansville victims at this Friday's (12/9) basketball game from 6:45-8:00 p.m. Chelsea Pekny, Adil, Matt Wan, and Mrs. Lancaster will all help man the collection tables. Mohit will contact the Red Cross to get donations cans. In Clif's absence, Judith announced that there was no update on the Parking Lot Service Tasks. Mrs. MacOwan informed the Activites committee that they need to figure the situation out by the next meeting (1/11) or else the Executive Board would make a decision. Ashley announced that at tonight's School Board meeting the possibility of a new school year calendar for upcoming years. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Administrative Building next to Happy Hollow Elementary School, and Council members were encouraged to attend and support Ashley. Ashley presented the high school's arguments against starting the school year later, and leaving earlier for winter break. The arguments included West Side's obligation to IHSA rules which express that fall sports may begin as early as August 1st, the importance of finals for preparation for college level exams, the need for teachers to have time to grade finals over winter break, and the fact that AP tests take place in May and students must know all material by that point. Mrs. Bentlage announced that the World Language and Social Studies Departments would like to have a convocation to address the topic of Islam. There is no date set for the convocation thus far, but the two departments are asking for the monetary support of the Student Council in the amount of \$700.00. Chelsea March moved that the Council support this convocation, Chelsea Pekny seconded, and the motion passed. Brian Bigler moved that the Council allot \$700.00 to fund this convocation, Joe Folta seconded, and the motion passed. Dave was informed that he would need to buy fruit snacks and granola bars for finals snacks from 12/20-12/23. Dave moved that the Council allot \$150.00 to buy finals snacks, Jon Biberstine seconded, and the motion passed. In Clif's absence, Judith presented five blue sheets including a teacher v. students donation competition during 12/12-12/16 to support the Spanish Club, finals candy grams during 12/14-12/16 to support S.A.D.D. projects, a raffle at the basketball game on 12/9 for the sophomore class to raise money for prom, a bake sale from 1/23-1/27 to raise money for VISTA's winter dance, and a penny harvest put on by Pep Club from 12/12-12/20 to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. The Council decided all the blue sheets could be passed except for the sophomore class raffle since the Student Council had already decided to collect donations for Evansville victims at the basketball game on 12/9. Gregor moved that the Council accept all other blue sheets, Laura Kail seconded, and the motion passed. Stephen Larew moved that the Council adjourn, Michael Kim seconded, and the motion passed.