Attendees:

Pat Gabriel, Marie Romais, Mira Nezar, Andrea Field, Steve Rose, Sherwood Williams, Rick Loffredo, Patrick McCarthy, Padma Kannan, Atul Kannan, Elizabeth Yang, Charlotte Seid, Will Kilpatrick, and Alan Krishnan.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. in the College Career Center.

Academic Club Financial Requests:

MUN: Patrick McCarthy, sponsor of the Model U.N. team, told us that there are about 150 students who participate in the team and that 80 to 100 are active members. The team plans to take two big trips, including one to William and Mary Nov. 18-20 and one to Penn at the end of January. He requested a total of $5,000 including $2,000 for each trip and $1,000 for startup costs for the March 24-25 “Tech-MUN” conference.

COMPUTER TEAM: Steve Rose requested no money because that team actually brings in money through its competitions. He said there are 60-70 students active in the senior and freshman computer teams right now. There are approximately 30 in the freshman team.

DEBATE: Sherwood Williams said about 50 to 55 students participated in at least one debate last year, but the number of participants this year is growing. He requested $1,500 to be used to pay for coach travel expenses and to go toward registrations for students. Williams called this year’s request “restrained” because the school is providing some financial support it had not provided in previous years. Students earn money for the team by selling pizzas between classes. The team might need more money if students qualify for the CFL nationals tournament (students would pay their own travel costs but funds might be needed to pay for judges if not enough parents are unable to be judges).

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS: Elizabeth Yang requested $7,000 for the club which includes about 50 members. The money would be used for registrations, hotel rooms, plane fares, etc. Last year 30 students competed at the State Bowl at Powhatan High School and 12 students competed at the International Conference at the University of Kentucky.

IT’S ACADEMIC: Charlotte Seid, a member of the team, asked for $3,500 for the tournament registration fees, travel expenses and equipment (a new buzzer set for about $400).
OCEAN BOWL: Will Kilpatrick asked for $800. The team has about 25 members, has won the state competition for the last three years, and was eighth in the nation last year. The money would pay for registrations, books, and journals. If they win at the state level, the sponsor groups subsidize travel fees to the nationals at Monterrey Bay.

CHESS TEAM: Coach Rick Loffredo asked for $5,000 to pay for team registration, local travel, snacks, and coach travel expenses for his team of 50 players. He said the team includes the defending national champions and has won the state title for the past six years. The team plans to compete in the metro area chess league, the National Youth Action Championship in Georgia, the Virginia State competition, and the National High School championship in Milwaukee. The team is trying to come up with ways to raise money.

MATH TEAM: Pat Gabriel, who asked for $3,370, said the team has about 110 members and travels to competitions with about 40 students. The money is needed for the Intermediate Math Open for area middle school students (a community outreach event that loses money), for the 8th period competitions which cost money, and for coach and chaperone expenses for team travel to meets at Duke, Harvard-MIT, and Penn. Pat also had about $200 in expenses for office supplies that the school does not cover. (There is also an issue over who pays for subs when a teacher is traveling with a team, and Alan Krishnan suggested that we should ask the PTSA for reimbursement of those costs.)

JAPAN BOWL: No presentation was made, but the coach for our Japan Bowl team had filed a form asking for $100 for registration fees.

CERTAMEN: No request has been submitted, but Pat Gabriel reported that coach Christine Conklin had prepared one, in which she asked for approximately the same amount as last year ($500-550).

Treasurer’s Report

Mira said that our bank account is about $1,000 lower than it was this time last year. Then it was $18,392, and it is now $17,273.83. Alan said he has a problem with the way we do memberships and suggested that we add to the list of those we solicit for funds the parents of academic team members from the class of 2005 (or from earlier classes). Mira suggested that we should ask for donations, not just the current basic membership fee of $25. Alan said that Molly Wise should be contacted about last year’s membership list (Andy volunteered to do this), and that he will help with the solicitation of alumni parents.

Alan also suggested a fund raising effort in which we would appeal to parents who are business executives and ask them to purchase Christmas gift baskets for clients or employees from a business he knows that would share its profits with the Academic Boosters. He indicated that Academic Boosters would make about $9 on each $20 gift basket.
Team Financial Grants

Andy indicated that when she notified coaches of the amounts of funding they would initially be receiving, she would also remind them that we will need team rosters that we can check against our Academic Boosters membership list, and she will give the coaches AB membership forms to hand out to team members.

Following the above discussions, we agreed on the following initial funding amounts for academic teams:

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In addition, it was agreed that we would provide funding to the Latin Club as long as the request (when it is filed) is for approximately the same amount as last year. The vote on this will be at our next meeting.

Mira wrote out checks for the listed amounts, which Pat Gabriel will deliver to the coaches.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was approved at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Thornton
Secretary