

Holmdel High School PTSO
Oct 14, 2013

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. The PTSO meeting took place in the auditorium. Mary Lou pointed out the fire exits and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of 9-11. Darlene Kiss made a motion to accept the September minutes. Teri Perez 2nd. All approved.

Presidents Report

- Thank you to our wonderful hospitality staff for another fantastic Back To School Teacher's Tea.
- Thank you to Teresa Slade for her work on the student directory.
- Thank you to Suzanne Niro for her work getting the Holmdel Parents Website up and running.
- **President's Counsel** met and the report includes: Village School Ladies Night Out is set for October 17. On October 18, John Astin (Gomez from the Adam's Family), will be hosting a fundraiser at the Duncan Smith Theatre to pay for the beetle eradication. The cost will be \$75 per person or \$125 VIP per person. The W.R. Satz Annual Clothing Drive will run from Nov 11 to 15. In addition lightly used shoes can be dropped off in a bin in front of Satz. Red Ribbon week is Oct 16 at Indian Hill.
- I will be meeting with the food service company at the HS in the near future. Any complaints or comments you would like me to address at the meeting are welcome. Please e-mail or send them to me.

Important Dates:

- Alliance Meeting now noted on the calendar as HDAA are meeting every other month.
- The next PTSO meeting will be an **evening** meeting on Nov 11 at 7 p.m. in the HS auditorium. Immediately following will be our "Demystifying the College Application Process Presentation". Please tell your working parent friends about this opportunity to attend an evening PTSO meeting.

Principals Report: - Mr. Loughran –

Mr. Bonner and Ms. England stopped in to say hello and introduce themselves to any new parents. Although they are both in charge of all discipline in the school, Mr. Bonner is charge of grades 9 and 11 and Ms. England grades 10 and 12.

Principal's Report – 14 October 2013

Early Dismissal on Wednesday - 16 October

A reminder that students will be dismissed EARLY on Wednesday (11:53 am) so that staff may work on SGO development

Good News - Parent Feedback

I had a pleasant conversation with a parent last week who wanted me to let everyone know how well her son is doing in the Rutgers Engineering Program on the Busch campus - he is taking seven classes, and she reports that he is more than prepared - particularly in Physics and Chemistry and Calculus - thanks in no small part to the wonderful instruction he received while here in Holmdel. We heard of a similar report from a student majoring in Psychology. In fact, this is a consistent report we get from many, many students and parents - and it always gratifying to hear.

Sustaining Excellence - UPDATE

We have spent the last three weeks collecting valuable input from students, staff and parents on how well we meet the twelve Middle States standards, as well as gathering their feedback on two area of interest - service learning and academic integrity. The Planning Committee meets later today (10/14) to discuss the surveys and to plan our next steps. Look for more information on this later in the month.

John Astin Performance

The Holmdel Theatre Company (HTC) is sponsoring an evening with noted actor John Astin - you may remember him from the "Adams Family" and his one-man show on Edgar Allan Poe. We are fortunate to have Mr. Astin perform for our 10th grade students this Friday morning; later in the day, he will conduct a workshop with the students in our Acting classes and the Holmdel Theatre Guild (HTG).

Events the Week of Oct. 21st

22 - Guidance Mtg. with 10th grade parents (7:00 pm)

24 - Safe Driving Initiative - Fall Meeting (7:00 pm) - mandatory for students wishing to drive to school and park on campus.

25 - HTG's "Haunted High School" (6:00 pm to 8:30 pm)- specifically for Indian Hill students - \$3 per child - all proceeds benefit "Broadway Cares."

October - Dates of Interest

- 14 - PTSO Mtg. (9:30 am); "Sustaining Excellence" Planning Mtg. (2:00 pm)
- 15 - Project Graduation Mtg. (7:00 pm)
- 16 - Early Dismissal for Students (11:53 am); BOE Mtg. (8:00 pm)
- 18 - John Astin Performance (11:00 am)
- 21 - Class Mtg. - Grade 12 (1:40 pm)
- 22 - Class Mtg. - Grade 11 (1:40 pm)
- 22 - Parents of Sophomores Night - Guidance Dept. (7:00 pm)
- 23 - Transitions Mtg. (Period 2)
- 24 - Class Mtg. - Grade 10 (1:40 pm)
- 24 - Safe Driving Initiative (7:00 pm)
- 25 - Class Mtg. - Grade 9 (1:40 pm)
- 30 - BOE Mtg. (8:00 pm)

Faculty Representative Report: Anna Ranieri and Sherryl McBride-

Thank you

Thank you all so much for the lovely Welcome Back Tea. All of the teachers had a wonderful time and enjoyed the goodies. It was a nice way to get together as we all got the school year going.

Spring Break Trip

Mrs. Cogger & Mrs. Taylor are planning a trip over Spring Break 2014 from April 10 to April 20th for 11th and 12th graders (primarily Spanish & French students). Students can join the trip upon teacher recommendation. Information is available at www.alacartetravel.com/holmdel14.html

Italian Honor Society

The Italian Honor Society will be walking in the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk in Point Pleasant this coming Sunday (Oct. 20). You can support our students by making donating to Holmdel High School Squadra Ranieri on The Making Strides' site. Your help in reaching our goal is deeply appreciated.

Officer's Reports:

VP Membership –Allyssa Coffaro – Membership envelopes are coming in. 255 families joined bringing membership to 30% of all HHS families. This is a great start and very likely due to our returning to a paper mailing this year.

VP Fundraising –Teri Perez, Roseanne Wriedt – Write-A-Check donations are up to \$6, 874.59 which is also a fantastic start once again attributed to our paper mailing. Peach Wave frozen yogurt in the Kohl’s Shopping Center is looking to host a Holmdel Night with 20% of all proceeds going directly back to the PTSO. We are looking into scheduling this for Nov 1; our next home football game. Look for an update on this in the very near future. Comedy Night is all set for April 26 with comedian Mike Marino and the Paul Marino Band. Save the date and get ready for a night filled with laughter and great music.

Treasurer’s Report – Robin Grossman- Robin read the August and September Report:

August

Income (Pathmark Scrip Rebate,)..... \$28.12
Expenses (Bank Fees).....\$30.00
August 31 Ending Balance\$2246.27

Leslie Constantino made a motion to accept the August Treasurer’s Report.

Teri Perez 2nd. All approved.

Sept

Income (Membership, Pathmark Script, Write-A-Check)..... \$3,141.37
Expenses (Bank Fees, Paper for Packet, PO Box Rental, Office Supplies..\$162.47
September 31 Ending Balance.....\$5,225.17

Donna Disko made a motion to accept the September Treasurer’s Report.

Lucia Van Name 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Dani Page – No report

Committee Reports

ARISE Liaison – Darlene Kiss- No report

Bake Sales – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – Next bake sale is tomorrow Oct 15. The paper mailing helped a lot with obtaining enough volunteers to bake.

BOE – Barbara Daly – No report

Booster Liaison – Roseanne Wreidt/ Donna Disko – Mailing went well.....Please Join!

9th Grade Class Liaison – Lisa Cronin – The freshman class is participating in a fundraiser selling Gertrude Hawk chocolates. If you are interested in purchasing chocolate and don’t have a 9th grader feel free to contact Lisa.

10th Grade Class Liaison – Mary Lou Moramarco – The students are participating in a Yankee Candle fundraiser. Ask Sophomore students for more information.

11th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko– Looking into hosting a dance this year.

12th Grade Class Liaison – Lucia Van Name – Held a bake sale at “Back To School Night”. Chili’s Night Fundraiser did not do very well last month.

Facebook – Vicky Entwistle- Yes, we have a Facebook page “Holmdel High School PTSO”. Please visit and “like” us.

HCAA – Julie Stolker – Julie will be our next representative. Ad-Journal is going to print on Friday Oct 18. Please contact Julie immediately if you would like to place an ad for your child or your business. The HCAA donates and funds programs that support the arts in all four schools.

HDAA – Kristin Echavaria – Next meeting is Nov 12 at 1 p.m in the HS library. Suicide Prevention Week took place in September. Suicide is the 3rd most common death among 15-24 year olds. Hazlet has the most in Monmouth County. Next week is “Violence Awareness Week”. Domestic Violence is high in Holmdel compared to the rest of the county.

HFEE – Need A Representative – No Report

Hospitality – Emma Butler – No Report

Newcomers – Colleen Fischer – No Report

OneCause Fundraising – Kim Jeanos – The link is up for this on the website. Please use this when you are shopping on-line. It is at no cost to you and a percentage of sales goes to the PTSO.

Photocopier – Vicky Mazzei – No report

Programs – Darlene Kiss, Darlene Field and Lisa Lograno – Setting up College Night for November 11.

Project Graduation – Debbie Lynch/ Linda Jackman – Thank you to Linda for getting involved with this committee as Debbie will be leaving after this year. The next meeting is Oct 15 at 7 p.m. in the HS Library. Kidstuff books are currently for sale. Please contact Linda if you are interested in purchasing one. We are looking for student’s to get involved with this committee as well to give their input on venue and event choices.

Publicity – Joanne Colella – No report

Special Projects –Emma Butler- No Report

Student Directory –Teresa Slade – Directories will look a lot different this year and will include parent’s email addresses and student’s homeroom teachers. They will be out in November.

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana – No report

Website – Jennifer Yan, Donna Bruno, Kim Jeanos and Thiru Ilang are the new committee. Thank you to the committee for getting our introductory packet on the website.

Provisional Business – We discussed updating the mission statement and plan to work on this at the Dec meeting **We discussed updating the mission statement. Perhaps we could take what is on the Facebook page and start there.**

Discussion... This is what is on FB - The PTSO continues its mission to raise funds to enhance the learning experience of our children. It also continues to act as a liaison among parents, students and staff at Holmdel High School.

Or this we could use at the welcome page on the website, which can also double as our mission statement.

Welcome to the school year 2013-14.

The Parent Teacher Student Organization or PTSO is a non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan organization created to promote the general welfare of all students and to enhance communication between parents, staff and students. The PTSO is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Our mission is to support the Holmdel High School mission stated below:

Holmdel High School, in a safe, student-centered, and rigorous learning environment, promotes academics, athletics, and the arts, values the cultural diversity of its community and, through varied curricular and co-curricular programs, empowers all students to develop their potential into achievement and take their place in our global society as ethical decision makers and life-long learners.

You are encouraged to join and support the efforts of the PTSO. Family member dues are \$10 and staff member dues are \$5.

We have room for every one wanting to participate - both working in and out of the home.

There are many opportunities for you. Look around the website and join us.

New Business – Considering having a speaker from the Mental Health Alliance present at one our upcoming meetings to address issues such as teen- depression, suicide, anxiety etc...

Lisa Cronin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roseanne Wriedt 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will take place on November 11 at 7 p.m. in the Holmdel High School Auditorium. All PTSO members are welcome.

