

Holmdel High School PTSO
February 13, 2012 Meeting Notes

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

President's Report

- Every Thursday Holmdel Cold Stone Creamery will take 10% off of your ice cream purchase and donate it to Project Graduation.
- HFEE Dinner Dance is March 10 at Trump International Golf Course. The cost is \$150 per person.
- It is time to start thinking about board positions for next year. Requests for nominations for elected board positions will go out shortly.
- Motions have been made to move the school vote to November to coincide with Federal Election Day. The decision was tossed back to each individual town's BOE. If we keep the April voting date we will be splitting the cost with the reduced number of municipalities that keep the April date.
- Thank you to the volunteers for new Assistant Principal interviews. There were many qualified candidates. The new Assistant Principal will be appointed at Wednesday's BOE meeting and the agenda will be posted on Tuesday.
- Comedy Night is April 21 featuring Mike Marino. Dinner and show is \$50. Bring your own beverages.
- "Tickborne Diseases and The Family", a presentation with an emphasis on neuropsychiatric symptoms in children will be held on April 26 from 7p.m. to 9p.m.
- Scholarships for the arts including drama, TV, art and photography/graphic arts are available in the guidance department. Applications are due back the first Monday in April.

Principal's Report

- We met with the Holmdel Police Department for an update on the County's Installation of a new natural gas pipeline. The project is expected to extend all the way down Longstreet Road to our main entrance, before taking a right and a quick left up to South Holland Road. There will be more potential detours and delays in the coming weeks. We will be sure to inform you as soon as we know so that you may plan appropriate travel routes. Students are advised to allow extra travel time on these designated construction days.
- Congratulations to Kathy Dougherty on being named the "Bayshore Educator of the Year" by Caesarea Lodge #64 in Keyport.
- Holmdel Journal Community Excellence Luncheon will be held on February 13 at the PNC Bank Arts Center. Aforementioned staff, students and faculty will be honored.

- The 1st round doubleheader of the Shore Conference Basketball Tournament will take place on February 16. Girls vs. Wall Twp. (5:00p.m.) – Boys vs. Ocean Twp (6:30p.m.).
- Guidance Counselors will be meeting with students in large groups next week to discuss course selection for next year. The meetings will take place period 2-3, following this schedule: Tuesday, February 21 – 11th grade, Wednesday, Feb 22 – 10th Grade, Thursday, February 23rd – 9th grade.
- The stork comes to Holmdel! Congratulations to Jim Gelpke - girl, John Koryat – girl, Amanda Rein – boy, Karen Pharo – boy, Lauren Lepore boy and girl twins, Alicia Killean – boy. Robin Ward and Shannon Davis are both expecting babies this summer.

Teacher Representative Report- - Jackie Peters –

- Second quarter report cards were issued directly to students and any report cards not picked up were mailed home.
- Test preparation classes for the upcoming High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA), a graduation requirement, are being offered on four consecutive Tuesdays, beginning last week. These classes meet in room 409 from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. Language arts is covered in the first hour, followed by math in the second hour. These classes are optional and free for all 11th graders.
- Mr. Keller will present Going It Alone: Math SAT prep without a Tutor or Course on February 9 at 3:00p.m.
- The SAB is sponsoring a mobile “Hanging With Friends” tournament. Sign-ups are online at HolmdelHanging.weebly.com or in the main office.
- The Concert Chorus will be sponsoring a Broadway Dinner Theatre on February 16 at 6p.m. in the commons. A pasta dinner will be served while you enjoy a cabaret featuring different Broadway shows.
- The Lady Hornets Volleyball Team held their annual Co-ed Volleyball Tournament on February 8. It was a great evening enjoyed by all.
- Ms. Connelly is sponsoring a Shakespeare Workshop for students interested in competing in the Shakespeare Competition being arranged by Ms. McDonald. The workshop was held last Thursday and the competition will be held on February 14.
- The first meet of the New Jersey Science League took place at HHS. HHS swept all 6 categories including Bio1, Bio2, Chem1, Chem2, Phys1 and Phys2. The first round of the Biology Olympiad will be held on February 15. Contact Mr. Blaha for more information.
- The FBLA State Competition will be held on March 15.
- Representatives from the Monmouth County Vocational School were in the Guidance Office on February 2 offering information on classes available in Cosmetology, Law and Public Safety and Information Technology.
- The French Honor Society sponsored a French Movie night on February 3.
- The Athletic Department and my Three Sons Organization teamed up to raise \$1,000 for Project Graduation at our home boys basketball game on January 26 vs. Rumson High School. All HHS students were admitted free and the first 100 students received a free t-shirt. There was a half time shooting contest and a 50/50 with all

proceeds going to Project Graduation. The gym was packed and HHS won against their rivals by 20 points.

- The HTEA and the Central Jersey Blood Center will be sponsoring the Annual Blood Drive in the New Gym. Students over age 16 are encouraged to participate and need a signed parent permission slip to donate.
- National Latin Exam will take place on February 28.

Officer's Reports

VP Membership -Victoria Entwistle – 2nd request for membership dues and Annual Fundraiser will go out together.

VP Fundraising – Teri Perez and Roseanne Wriedt – Write-A-Check Fundraiser total is \$9,855. The goal for this year is \$15,000. The 2nd request will go out this month. The Pathmark E-Script program raised \$175. Once the HFEE Gala is over publicity for Comedy Night will begin. The event is set for April 21 at the Greek Church. Trying to decide on the additional cost per person for adding a 4-dish buffet. Bring beverages of your choice. Karin will set up PayPal capabilities via PTSO website for the Write-A-Check and Comedy Night Fundraiser.

Treasurer's Report – Karin Swan- Karin read the January report.

Income (membership dues, bake sales, annual fundraiser and Pathmark rebate program)..... \$265.74

Expense\$0.00

Bank Balance as of 1/31/2012\$15,886.31

Wendy Ingliss made a motion to accept the January report. Debbie Bohny 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Cindy Spalliero –No Report – Mary Lou would like to thank Cindy for diligently sending out the minutes and other pertinent information to the e-mail list. Members continue to compliment us for our informative nature as well as our transparency.

Committee Reports

Bake Sales – Debbie Bohny- \$53 collected in January. Next bake sale is this Wednesday.

BOE – Barbara Daly – No report

Booster Liaison – Karen Mansuri –No report

9th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko – No report

10th Grade Class Liaison – Lucia Van Name – No report

11th Grade Class Liaison – Deb Bohny –No report

12th Grade Class Liaison – Pam Lynch - Mrs. Lepore delivered 2 beautiful babies Sophia Rose and Antonio Leo. Doing well with fundraising for the Senior Prom. We will be finalizing prom bids in the next few weeks. The Senior Class would like to recognize Tim MacDonald and the My Three Sons Association as well as the Basketball Parent Association for their help raising \$1,000 for Project Graduation. Old Monmouth Candy Sales begin this week and will run through March 16 for distribution on March 21.

Historian – Lisa Ching- No report

Holmdel Alliance – Kristin Echavaria – Highest rate of suicide is now found in the 18 -24 year old age group. Lack of employment opportunities may be one of the reasons. The alliance will be celebrating random acts of kindness by nominating people for doing so and awarding 4 winners with gift cards. Rx drug abuse is on the rise in our area.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) – Tammy Stanziale, Veronica Weber – The Satz performance of Alice in Wonderland went well. They also performed an “Alice in Wonderland Junior” that offered backstage tours for little ones during the Saturday Matinee. The H.S. will be performing “Once Upon a Mattress” on March 15, 16, and 17. District Art Show Reception will be March 14 and refreshments will be served by the HCAA. You can still join HCAA; forms are on line. The nominating committee has been formed and if you would like to be considered for a position on the board please email Mary Pomarico, mpomarico1@verizon.net.

HFEE – Roseanne Wriedt – Scrips campaign is underway...purchase your gift cards through this website and HFEE gets a % back. Parents report that you can purchase gift cards on this website, for every day use, at places you frequent often like Shop Rite, Chilli’s etc...You can print these gift cards out for immediate use at no extra cost to you... all the while helping raise funds for HFEE. There is no additional cost to you for doing this. The Annual HFEE Dinner Dance is at the Trump International on March 10, 2012. Parents and local businesses are encouraged to put an ad in the event ad journal. A personalized message is \$35 each or 3 for \$100. A special meal for 8 prepared by Chef Harkness, a Trump foursome, 4-karat diamond earrings, a Dooney and Bourke handbag and a Kindle-Fire are some of the exciting auction prizes this year. Basket auction items are still needed. If you would like to donate an item please contact Chris Hazel at 732-772-1780. Super 50/50 tickets are available with only 1,500 tickets to be sold at \$20 each. 1st prize is 70% of winning share up to \$10,500. 2nd prize is 20% of winning share and 3rd prize is 10% of winning share.

Hospitality – Chris Hazel- No report

Newcomers – Colleen Fisher – No Report

Operation Get out the Vote - Vote may move to November. This will extend some current BOE member’s terms.

OneCause Fundraising – Please volunteer for this position! – This is a position can you work on from home.

Photocopier - Cathy Sorice- No Report

Programs – Roseanna Searles- We need someone to step up and take over this very important board position for next year as Roseanna will be graduating out.

Project Graduation – Deb Lynch and Teri Perez - “Cash for Gold” netted \$435. The snow may have been a deterrent. Annual donation request letter is about to go out.

Publicity – Joanne Colella - We took some photos today in the front of the school with the new benches and hopefully they will be publicized along with an article explaining what the PTSO does.

Special Projects - Emma Butler will register for a table at community day.

Student Directory –Theresa Slade - Directories are out. Thank you to Teresa for being the first to volunteer for next year’s appointed board for the student directory committee.

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana- No Report

Website – Tammy Boyle- Current year minutes should be taken out of archives and be placed in a more visible location on the website

Provisional Business – Further discussion on Project Graduation revealed that it is included under the umbrella of the PTSO and should use the PTSO treasurer for it’s checkbook and accounting records.

New Business – The Nominating Committee for the 2012/2013 Executive Board was formed including Robin Wetmore, Debbie Bohny, Robin Grossman, Lisa Lograno, Cindy Spalliero with two alternatives Darlene Kiss and Viki Mazzei. This years Gift Committee was formed and will include Mary Lou Moramarco, Teri Perez, Roseanne Wriedt, Karin, Swan, Lisa Lograno, Viki Mazzei, Debbie Bohny and Cathy Sorice. The Scholarship Committee was formed and will include Roseanne Wriedt, Lucia Van Name, Vicky Entwistle, Darlene Kiss, Debby Bohny, and Teri Perez as an alternate.

Lucia Van Name made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Darlene Kiss 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will be Monday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m.

