

Holmdel High School PTSO
Nov 11, 2013

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.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. Phyllis Ameduri made a motion to accept the October minutes. Kristin Echavaria 2nd. All approved.

Presidents Report

- Superintendent's council met on October 17.
- Fundraising activities are in full swing at the different schools.
- HFEE is holding their gala on April 5 at the Navesink Country Club.
- Project Graduation set the date for Skylar to come and perform at the high school on Dec 4. to put
- Teacher's Tea is Sept 18 at 2p.m. Food donations and volunteers are needed. Please lend your cooking and serving talents. Contact Emma Butler if you can help out.
- Satz School is holding their annual clothing drive from today thru Nov 16. See the flyer on our website. Drop bags of clothing and shoes behind Satz door #26.
- I will be meeting with the food service company at the HS in the near future. Any comments or complaints you would like me to address at the meeting can be e-mailed or sent to me.
- Thank you to the Assistant principals for their introduction and attendance at the October Meeting

Important Dates:

April 26 – Comedy Night

Principal's Report – Mr. Loughran - See attached PowerPoint Presentation

Teacher Representative Report

November 11, 2013 – Ann Ranieri and Sherryl McBride

Student Achievement / Congratulations

Alexa von Essen won the Barnes and Noble Voices of Tomorrow Teen writing contest.

They held a special award ceremony on October 25th at 7 pm and turned her short story, "The Morning of the End of the World" into an eBook.

Italian Honor Society

Thirty Italian Honor Society and Italian class students walked in the Point Pleasant and raised \$2,045 for the Making Strides Breast Cancer walk.

Spanish Honor Society

The Spanish Honor Society donated to Unicef, The American Cancer Society (to support Anna Ranieri and the Italian Honor Society in their walk) and to Teach For America.

The Teach for America donation is donated in honor of Eric Hausser and his commitment to teaching.

The Spanish Honor Society holds bake sales, sells tshirts and collects dues in order to raise money to donate to worthy causes. All Spanish Honor Society members must help at least 4 hours a marking period by going to a Spanish classroom and tutor students in Spanish during after school help hours.

Psychology

Teachers Amanda Rein and Jill McCracken attended a regional Psychology conference held at Monmouth Regional High Schools where we shared outstanding and award winning lesson plans, engaged in collegial discussion of current research in cognitive neuroscience. We also investigated the new teacher evaluation system as it impacted Psychology and AP psychology courses and S.G.O.s, sharing ideas for assessments. It was an outstanding opportunity to meet with fellow psychology teachers in New Jersey and Delaware!

Officer’s Reports

VP Membership –Allyssa Coffaro – 4 new families joined bringing our total # of families up to 259 and 31% of all HHS families. We are offering a special incentive to all families who join before Dec 31. Each family will be entered into a drawing to win 2 free tickets to Comedy Night.

VP Fundraising –Teri Perez, Roseanne Wriedt – Two more Write-A-Check donations have come in. Peach Wave Fundraiser was not well attended. “Lets Yo” of Holmdel would like to host a “Holmdel Night”. Comedy Night is set for April 26. Teri and Roseanne will set up the event but will be unable to attend the night of due to scheduling conflicts. They will need volunteers to help the day of and evening of the event.

Treasurer’s Report – Robin Grossman- Robin read the October Report

Income (Annual Fundraiser, Pathmark Scrip Rebate, Membership Dues).....	\$6,200.97
Expenses (Bank fees, hospitality).....	\$56.22
Oct 31 Ending Balance.....	\$11,369.92

Donna Disko made a motion to accept the October Treasurer’s Report. Darlene Kiss 2nd. All approved.

The audit of the Treasurer's book is complete and no discrepancies were found. Michael Sockel made a motion to accept the audit of the 2012/2013 Treasurers book. Darlene Kiss 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Dani Page – No report

Committee Reports

ARISE Liaison – Darlene Kiss- No report

Bake Sales – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – 1st bake sale was very successful. Raised \$97. This is partly due to the increase in the price of cupcakes

BOE – Barbara Daly – Bill Balicki (Building and Grounds) retired. Ms. Frost the Indian Hill librarian retired. The Holmdel Football and Cheer Association donated new football jerseys to the HS and the Booster Club donated football pants.

Booster Liaison – Roseanne Wreidt –Please join. The Booster club supports all school sports.

9th Grade Class Liaison – Lisa Cronin – No Report

10th Grade Class Liaison – Mary Lou Moramarco – The Sophomore Class is responsible for stocking, manning and running the snack stand during the Powder Puff game. We are in need of donations of food, money to buy food items and volunteers to sell items at the game. Please e-mail Mary Lou at marylou22@comcast.net

11th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko– Planning a dodge ball tournament.

12th Grade Class Liaison – Lucia Van Name – No Report

Facebook – Vicky Entwistle- Thank you for regular updates. It is a very useful site.

HCAA – Julie Stolker – No Report

HDAA – Kristin Echavaria – No report

HFEE – Need A Representative – Annual Giving Campaign is underway and up 50% from last year. Holding their gala on April 5 at the Navesink Country Club. The foundation has 70% new membership this year and a big turn over of trustees. More men have become involved and are serving on the executive board so they are considering activities that might appeal more to men ie....Poker night or golf outing.

Hospitality – Emma Butler – Thank you for all of the donations for the Teacher's Tea.

Newcomers – Colleen Fischer – No new students since Sept 16. Welcomed 38 new students this year.

OneCause Fundraising – Kim Jeanos – Sign up to do your holiday shopping on-line!

Photocopier – Vicky Mazzei – No report

Programs – Darlene Kiss, Darlene Field and Lisa Lograno – College Night to follow this meeting

Project Graduation – Linda Jackman -Debbie Lynch –Entertainment book sales are down this year. Skylar presentation is set for Dec 4. Admission is \$10. Will be selling snacks. Asking parent’s for donations of chips, soda and water to sell at the event.

Publicity – Joanne Colella – We need a representative to gather information on PTSO events, take pictures etc.. and send information to Joanne at the Holmdel Journal for FREE PUBLICITY!

Special Projects –Emma Butler- No report

Student Directory –Teresa Slade – If you would like to be included in the directory go to www.holmdelstudentdirectory.co.nr or www.holmdelparents.org and go to the student directory link. Please do so by Sept 30. Directories will cost \$5 this year.

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana – No report

Website – Jennifer Yan, Donna Bruno, Kim Jeanos and Thiru Ilang are the new committee. They will be working on updating the site. Please send any information you need posted to Jennifer Yan.

Provisional Business –

The HHS Dance team raised \$4,145 for and participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. They should be commended for their efforts and community service.

Holmdel High School PTSO Mission Statement:

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 non-profit 501© (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.

New Business – Last year a PTSO member helped to charter the Project Adventure which is a co-ed scouting activity. Once again they are asking for a volunteer from the PTSO to charter them again this year.

Barbara Daly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phyllis Ameduri 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

The next PTSO meeting will take place on Dec 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Holmdel High School Auditorium. All PTSO members are welcome.