

Holmdel High School PTSO
March 12, 2012 Meeting Notes
Rough Draft

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. Cindy Spalliero made a motion to accept the February minutes. Agnes King 2nd. All approved.

Presidents Report

- Nominations for the executive committee will close this month and the slate will be read at the April Meeting to be voted on at the May Meeting. Requests for nominations for the PTSO elected board positions have been sent out to all appointed board members, the entire HHS population via the newsletter as well as the PSG newsletter.
- Every Thursday Holmdel Cold Stone Creamery will take 10% off of your ice cream purchase and donate it to Project Graduation.
- The BOE moved the school vote to November to coincide with Federal Election Day. New terms for BOE members will begin January 1. The school budget will no longer be a public vote.
- The BOE voted on a calendar for 2012-13.
- The HFEE Dinner Dance was a lot of fun!
- Comedy Night is April 21 featuring Mike Marino. Dinner and show is \$50. Bring your own beverages.
- An assembly featuring John Halligan, a father who's child committed suicide, will take place at W.R. Satz on May 15.
- "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.
- Sudden Impact date is June 1 and will take place on premises.

Principal's Report

- The HSPA exams were held on March 6-8 and are mandatory for all 11th graders in N.J. Last year 98% of our students passed the English section and 94% passed the math section. If you do not pass you can take the HSPA again in October
- The District Art Show will take place March 14-17 featuring artwork from students ages K-12. The Art Honors Society will paint murals throughout the building in honor of the show.
- The Safe Driving Initiative is Monday, March 19. It is a 60 to 75 minute presentation and parent and student must both attend.
- 4-hour session (Professional Development Day) on Wednesday March 24.

- The new Assistant Principal has been appointed. Mr. Owen Bonner who currently works at Central Regional High School will begin work at HHS on July 1.

Teacher Representative Report- - Jackie Peters –

- Our juniors have just finished their HSPA testing, and now we eagerly await the results!
- Ms. Cogger is showing the movie *Indigenes*, in her French AP class. It is a tale about African soldiers during WWII and will be shown on the new multi-system DVD player offered by the Holmdel Foundation. The class is also selling bracelets to benefit Haiti.
- Ms. Connelly and Mr. Cahill held a Shakespeare Competition on February 14. Our two school winners were then invited to the English Speaking Union Competition at Brookdale.
- The English department is gearing up for next month's Shakespeare Day set for April 20. Students will be performing scenes during their English classes and the English faculty will be wearing matching Shakespeare Tee Shirts.
- Congratulations to Ms. Dougherty who recently advanced to the next level of the Masonic Lodge's Teacher of the Year program.
- The 2012 yearbook is available for sale until March 31. Yearbooks can be purchased at the school by going to www.jostensyearbooks.com.
- The 3rd annual "Band Aid for Uganda", benefiting Sylvia's Children, will be held on Saturday, March 24th at 12p.m.
- The class of 2014 is running a winter food drive from now until March 7. The food drive will benefit the New Jersey Food Bank. Donations must be non-perishable and can be dropped off in the collection box in the main office.
- The New Jersey Science League March Meet will be held on March 15, from 2:45p.m – 5p.m. at Marlboro High School.
- The Holmdel High School National Honors Society volunteered their time one again helping out the non-profit organization Cinderella's Closet. The organization teams up with designers and retailers to put on fashion show, and then donates both tuxedos and dresses for absolutely no charge to under-privileged students in the area to wear to their proms.

March Dates of Interest

- 12 – Project Graduation Meeting at 7p.m.
- 14 – District Art Show Reception at 7p.m.
- 15 – HTG Winter Musical at 7:30p.m.; District Art Show (Lower Commons)
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- 19 – Safe Driving Initiative at 7p.m.
- 20 – Alliance Meeting at 1 p.m.; Winter Sports Awards at 7p.m.
- 22 – World Languages International Dinner at 6p.m
- 24 – Half day of school
- 27 – District Music Concert at 7p.m.

Officer's Reports

VP Membership -Victoria Entwistle – Good news: 9 more members have joined bringing our total membership to 415 families representing 46% of HHS families

VP Fundraising – Teri Perez and Roseanne Wriedt – Write-A-Check 2nd mailing went out and \$175 has been collected thus far in response to it. Comedy night is April 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Greek Church. Tickets are \$50. and the evening includes a dinner buffet, live band and comedian act: Mike Marino. You can purchase your tickets through Roseanne or Teri or via PAYPAL on the PTSO website. Buy your prom dress from the boutique Emilia, located at 28 Monmouth Street in Red Bank and they will donate 10% back to the PTSO.

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

Income (membership dues, Senior T-shirts, Stop' Shop Grocery Match, and Cash for Gold profits.)..... \$642.14

Expense (Charter fee, envelopes for Mail a Check fundraiser).....\$36.98

Bank Balance as of 2/29/2012\$16,491.47

Melanie Koehl made a motion to accept the February report. Tammy Boyle 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Cindy Spalliero – No Report

Committee Reports

Bake Sales – Debbie Bohny - \$33.50 collected in February. Next bake sale is March 20.

BOE – Barbara Daly – No report

Booster Liaison – Karen Mansuri –Spring sports have begun. Relays begin April 21; volunteers needed.

9th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko – Car wash is in the planning stages.

10th Grade Class Liaison – Lucia Van Name – Food drive has ended.

11th Grade Class Liaison – Deb Bohny – Working on Junior prom.

12th Grade Class Liaison – Pam Lynch – Senior Prom is June 8 at the Eatontown Sheraton.

Historian – Lisa Ching- No report

Holmdel Alliance – Kristin Echavaria – Highest rate of suicide is now found in the 18 -25 year old age group. Suicide prevention cards are available from drugfree.org

and can be ordered in increments of 50. Random Acts of Kindness program took place in the schools this past month and was a success. Be cautious and monitor student consumption of Aeroshots a condensed caffeine powder you can inhale.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) – Tammy Stanziale, Veronica Weber– District Art Show Reception is March 18. Refreshments will be served by the HCAA. You can still join the HCAA, forms are available on-line. The Nominating Committee has been formed. If you would like to be considered for a position on the board, please email Mary Pomarico asap at mpomarico1@verizon.net. Scholarships for the Arts including Drama, TV, Art, and Photography/Graphic Arts are available in the guidance department and are due back the first Monday in April. The photography club is looking for new members. Student costume designers are needed for the HS plays.

HFEE – Roseanne Wriedt – The annual Dinner Dance was held at Trump on March 10 and was a big success. A great time was had by all.

Hospitality – Chris Hazel- No report.

Newcomers – Colleen Fisher – 5 new students were welcomed. 49 new students this year.

OneCause Fundraising – Beth Ruda has volunteered for this position.

Photocopier - Cathy Sorice- \$69.50 collected.

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

Project Graduation – Deb Lynch and Teri Perez -. Annual donation request letter is about to go out. Don't forget to visit Cold Stone every Thursday, 10% of your purchase goes back to project graduation. We are looking for people to help run pieces of this committee next year. PG may not participate in the PNC fundraising program. The funds collected may not be worth the time and effort put into it.

Publicity – Joanne Colella – No report.

Special Projects - Emma Butler- Holmdel day is April 21. Need ideas for the table. Cookbooks will be at table.

Student Directory –Theresa Slade – No report.

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana- Gayle Sturt is a Grandmother. Thomas Joseph was born February 29; a leap year baby.

Website – Tammy Boyle- You can use PayPal to purchase your tickets for Comedy Night.

Provisional Business – Tammy Boyle made a motion to complete the process of bringing Project Graduation into compliance as a fully integrated PTSO committee. Vicki Entwistle 2nd.

New Business – Should we continue to sponsor the administrative luncheon?
Darlene Kiss announced that volunteers are needed for the Village School Carnival.

Darlene Kiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicki Entwistle 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will be Monday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m.