

Holmdel High School PTSO January 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes

PTSO president, Mary Pomarico called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The PTSO meeting took place in the back section of the HS auditorium. Mary pointed out the fire exists and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary pointed out that additional copies of the draft minutes were located at the end of the hospitality table.

President's Report

- Bill Cusik will speak on the Police/HS relationship
- Ms. Kudish, the student assistance counselor in our guidance department will speak today
- Another reminder to consider donating your old video and still cameras if you have recently purchased new to the HS Television Studio
- Venture Crew will have an open house tonight at the HS. Alan Rowe from Boy Scouts of America will be available later in the meeting to answer questions about this new unit that PTSO is sponsoring.
- National Honor Society induction ceremony is Thurs. Jan. 14.
- Mary asked Francine Campis to bring the PTSO up to date on the HS cookbook fundraiser.
- Francine alerted us to a flyer that will be emailed asking people to send in recipes to holmdelrecipes@aol.com or PTSO, P.O. Box 292 Holmdel, NJ 07733

Report from Officer Bill Cusik

- Bill Cusik explained his role in the school as a police officer with the goal being security and to help administrators meet the needs of the students.
- Officer Cusik spoke of the information sharing between the police department, schools, and neighboring towns.
- Barbara Garrity asked if driving offenses occurring in other towns are reported to Holmdel. Cusik replied that the towns with which there is information sharing does not span the entire state so an offense in Cape May may go unreported.
- Officer Cusik informed us that Kyleigh's Law will go into effect May 10. This new regulation by the state will require provisional drivers to display a removable decal on the car when driving. He touched on issues that may arise like highlighting inexperienced drivers on the road or opening provisional drivers to an additional violation if the decal is removed without the driver's knowledge. State is still working out the details.
- Trenton is also considering changing the time provisional drivers is to be off the road from 12:00 midnight to 11:00 p.m. with a maximum of one other person in the car regardless of relation to the driver.
- Barbara DiNicola asked if an 18 year old student who no longer has GDL restrictions will have violations outside of school reported to the school. The answer is yes. For all students, driving and parking at school is a privilege.
- Final note from Cusik, Chief Wilson is retiring in June.

Principal's Report

- PowerPoint presentation welcoming 8th graders and parents for next year is posted on the HS website. Live presentation on 1/7 went well. 150 attended.
- Swensen in guidance arranged for former students home on break from college to speak to students. The graduates explained the transition to college. Will likely expand this program.
- 78 students were inducted into National Honor Society on 1/14.
- Schedule for mid-terms on website. Open campus on 1/27, 28, 29 & 2/1.
- Any student who is sick and misses mid-term will need a doctor's note in order to make-up.
- "A Day in the Life at Holmdel High School" will be featured in [Asbury Park Press](#) at the end of February. Meeting on Feb. 4. Students will write the articles.
- Gifting from the PTSO to the school was discussed with an emphasis on targeting money for LCD projectors connected to teacher's computer for every classroom. Some classrooms have. Not all. Goal is for completion by 2011.
- Barbara Garrity supported Loughran's remarks reminding us that HFEE has made contributions for ceiling mounted projectors in classrooms and needs to see it through as it has a long-lasting and meaningful impact.
- Barbara Day asked for a \$ amount to complete. Loughran will get the info to her.
- HS is partially wireless. Routers have been placed throughout the building. Building design created challenges, but we are almost 100%.

PTSO Teacher Representative Report – Teacher Rep. Jill McCracken

- Connelly's acting class performing their own original plays which is their final on 1/22 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium.
- Dr. Blaha is running a bio-diesel from cooking oil lab for interested students.

Venture Crew Presentation

- Alan Rowe, Twin Lights District Director for Boy Scouts of America gave a follow up presentation to Milton Eng's from last month on Venture Crew, a co-ed offshoot of scouting.
- Venture Crew 10 is a new unit forming in Holmdel and open to area residents age 14-20. Venturing teaches leadership and self-governance through high-adventure activities like rock climbing, skiing, rafting, camping, scuba, archery.
- The youth are in charge of planning the programs with guidance from trained Crew leaders/parents/adults. Cost /youth \$17 which includes insurance.

From the Guidance Office

- Ms. Kudish was introduced at Kudish the meeting to answer any questions. Ms. Kudish is the student assistance counselor in the Guidance Department. She is available to the students to help them with problems they may be having.
- Ms. Kudish thanked Youth Alliance for the Zen Garden and stress balls. Students appreciate the relaxation they provide.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer's Report – Francine Campis

Income (interest income, membership dues, bake sale).....\$1,439.10

Expense (pymt. of LCD screen, donation to cool kids, postage).....\$6,493.89

Bank Balance..... \$16,589.69

Treas. Report cont'd.

- Available funds for gifting as of 12/09 are \$5,600
- Expense documentation finalized to create regulation
- Maria Martorelli made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report
- Roseanne Wriedt 2nd the motion and all approved the Treasurer's Report.

Corresponding Secretary and Membership – No report this meeting

Recording Secretary – Karin Swan - Francine Campis made a motion to approve the December minutes. Roseanne Wriedt 2nd the motion and the December minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Bake Sales – Maria Martorelli - Bake Sales generated \$70 last month.

BOE – Barbara Daly

- BOE approved on 12/16 the program of studies, code of conduct, and the 2010-2011 Senior Option for Period 1 enabling students who are close to meeting graduation requirements the option of a free period at the beginning of the day.

9th Grade Class Liaison – Debbie Bohny

- Bake sale scheduled for 1/15
- Ben Cruz's band will be playing. Welcome fundraising ideas.

10th Grade Class Liaison (Class of 2012) - Pam Lynch

- Last month's fundraiser at Barnes and Noble and TGIF, Friday's netted about \$300 combined.
- More fundraisers are planned for the spring
- Chocolate sale scheduled for 1/11 after school.

11th Grade Class Liaison – Robin Wetmore

- Spoke about the fundraising through the sale of graduation balloons for the mailboxes at homes of seniors.

12th Grade Liaison – Michelle Finchler - No Report.

Holmdel Foundation for Educational Excellence (HFEE) – Barbara DiNicola

- The Gala is scheduled for April 17. Invitations will be emailed out.
- Presented the World Language Lab again and explained opportunities to raise money for it. Families can purchase dedication plates to be mounted on cubicle within the WLL room or on a wall honoring contributors.
- Many opportunities to donate. Check out <http://www.hfee.org/> where you can click on links to the spring dinner dance fundraiser, super 50/50 raffle, and the commemorative plaque fundraiser.

Holmdel Alliance – Petrina Picerno - Promoted the Dinner for Breakfast at the Turning Point fundraiser.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) - Anne Pearl - Set design and rehearsing for Oliver occurring at Satz.

Fundraising – Roseanne Wriedt

- The 'write a check' campaign has yielded \$9,818 so far from 123 contributors.
- Another letter will be going out in February asking for donations.

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana - Two more babies were born the teaching staff. Lynn Blustein had a baby girl and Tracy Tagliaferri had a baby boy.

Provisional Business – None . **New Business** - None

Mary Pomarico made a plea for someone to head the 'Get out the Vote' effort. If there is a parent out there that would like to volunteer, please email Mrs. Duncan.

A motion was made to end the meeting by Pam Lynch and 2nd by Maria Martorelli.

The meeting was adjourned by 11:15 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will be Monday, February 8, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the high school auditorium.