

Holmdel High School PTSO, March 8, 2009
Approved Meeting Minutes

PTSO president, Mary Pomarico called the meeting to order at 9:35 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

- Mary announced the State of the District presentation to be held at the Wed. March 24, 2010 BOE meeting. The budget will be presented as well as updates from all the committees.
- The April meeting will be in the evening, Monday, April 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the HS auditorium
- Eric Swensen, Director of Counseling Services will present Naviance, a web-based solution that facilitates student success in school and beyond. Holmdel students and their families will have access to information that will guide students' through coursework, develop goals, learn about their aptitudes and help with college or post-secondary school choices.
- Mary asked members to consider participating in the Survey Committee. This committee would create strategy for drawing more parents to attend PTSO meetings as well as provide new direction for the PTSO. The following members signed up for Survey Committee upon exiting the meeting: Mary Lou Moramarco, Chris Hazel, Pam Lynch, Karin Swan
- It was suggested that the last 2009/2010 PTSO meeting be held in the lower Commons. Through Chartwells, the PTSO would provide breakfast food and all parents/guardians of 8th grade students would be invited to attend as well as the HS parent population. This final informational meeting would take place on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. Francine Campis made a motion to approve the final meeting changes in venue and scope. 2nd by Anna Li. All approved.
- Members will pay \$10 for breakfast as we have in the past. The 8th grade parents will be invited as guests.
- Ms. Wendy Mollo replaces Ms. Denise DeMillo in the HS counseling department. Ms. Mollo taught English for 7 years, stayed home for a time to raise her children, and now returns to education as a guidance counselor.

Principal's Report

- Principal Bill Loughran announced that the LCD projector in the Commons is now operational with a final bill of \$11,000 made possible through the generosity of the PTSO and the Class of 2009. A plaque will acknowledge the contribution and be mounted in the Commons.
- Uses for the enormous LCD screen will include real time news, instruction (connected to the internet), evening presentations, displaying artwork, club announcements, TV society broadcasts to mention a few applications.
- Sudden Impact presentation will take place at Sandy Hook this year. Students will be educated on the perils of drinking and driving in a singular location to bring down costs to the presenters. Permission slips will be needed to attend and they are looking for parent volunteers. Contact Mary for information. It is called Rude Awakening this year and will take place April 22.
- Seniors must attend Rude Awakening if they are attending the Prom. Transportation to and from Sandy Hook for Rude Awakening will be provided by the district.
- Next newsletter deadline is March 26. Next newsletter will be distributed online by April 15.

PTSO Teacher Representative

- Italian Honor Society Pasta Dinner on March 4 for UNICEF was a huge success.
- Spanish Honor Society raised \$500

Presentation from Sylvia Allen of Sylvia’s Children

- Sylvia Allen updated the PTSO on her charitable organization, Sylvia’s Children. Sylvia’s Children is a family-run charity with Sylvia Allen, founder, as President and her two children, Michele and Tony Costa, serving as trustees. Sylvia is a Holmdel resident.
- In 2003, Sylvia Allen went with a non-profit organization on a humanitarian trip to Uganda, Africa. While she was there, she was asked by Geoffrey Kawuma, head of the Mbirizi Primary School, to be the school’s Grandmother. With 805 children in the school, of which 216 were orphans due to the AIDS crisis, she was honored to accept the responsibility. Out of this Sylvia’s Children was born, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to improving the lives of her ‘grandchildren’; to give the children a fighting chance.
- Sylvia’s slide presentation displayed the many accomplishments that her organization and our donations have facilitated. Please visit www.sylviaschildren.org for a full list of updates and improvements at the school/orphanage.
- Sylvia also announced the students at Holmdel High School are running Band-Aid for Uganda. This event was a huge success on March 20th and made approximately \$2000.00 for the Uganda Children.

Officer’s Reports

Recording Secretary – Karin Swan

- Cindy Spalliero made a motion to accept the February 2010 minutes. Francine Campis second the motion. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Francine Campis

Income (interest income, membership dues, fundraising, bake sales).....	\$573.11
Expense	\$8.99
Bank Balance as of 02/28/2010.....	\$17,994.08

- Earned \$39.51 rebate from 2009 purchases and obtained credit for membership fee of \$53.50
- Funds available for 2010 gifting is approx. \$8,000.
- PTSO American Express card has been closed out.

Chris Hazel made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Petrina Picerno 2nd it. All approved.

Francine also reminded everyone to send in recipes for the cookbook fundraiser.

Committee Reports

BOE – Barbara Daly

2/17 meeting

- HHS Fall sports awards presented
- Annual school election to be held Tues., 4/20 from 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Overview of Governor’s issuance of executive order #14 was given. It declares fiscal state of emergency and authorizes withholding state aid payments to school districts statewide.

2/24 meeting

- Ms. Thompson, Special ed, out from 4/16 to end of year
- Ms. Sacks on leave 3/22 to end of year.

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

- Old Monmouth Candy fundraiser underway. Orders with payment due on March 17. Orders to be picked up March 21.
- Fundraising concert with local recording talent Joanna Burns and Amanda Duncan on Thurs. April 8 at 7:00 pm.
- Bake Sale after school 3/17
- Class of 2012 t-shirt in the works for later in the spring.

12th Grade Liaison – Michelle Finchler – Senior T-shirt forms are in the main office

Holmdel Foundation for Educational Excellence (HFEE) – Barbara DiNicola

- The Gala is scheduled for April 17.
- There will be a raffle. Visit www.HFEE.org.

Hospitality – Chris Hazel

- A big thank you to Linda Greco for her many years of service to PTSO in the role of Hospitality.

Provisional Business - None

New Business - None

The next PTSO meeting will be Monday, April 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm. in the high school auditorium. We will have a presentation by the Guidance Department on Naviance.

Cindy Spalliero made a motion to end the meeting. Motion was second by Anna Li. By a unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Swan
PTSO Recording Secretary