

Holmdel High School PTSO
May 10, 2010 Meeting Notes

Mary Pomarico called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The PTSO meeting took place in the HS auditorium. Mary pointed out the fire exists and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Report

- 'Teacher of the Year' announcements have been made for each of the four schools in the district. Congratulations to the recognized teachers. Holmdel High school - Mr. William Motzenbecker, Satz Middle School - Mr. Steven Tetreault, Indian Hill School - Mr. Michael Welter, Holmdel Village School - Mr. Robert Kreig. Each of the parent groups are contributing \$20 towards plaques for each of the recipients of the award.
- Matt Goetke, Bayshore Educator of the Year, chosen by the Masonic Lodge in Keyport.
- Joe Clores, Monmouth County School Counselor of the Year, chosen by the Monmouth County School Counselors' Association
- The Township Committee (TC) is reviewing the budget to determine if and what additional dollar cuts will be recommended. The TC will also make line item recommendations for cuts for the 2010-2011 school district budget.
- The TC will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, May 18 to discuss the defeated school budget and update the community as to their recommendations.
- Mary urged PTSO members to reach out to the TC and BOE if they have an opinion on the defeated budget.
- There have been letters to the community from HTEA and Central office with regards to the defeated budget. Copies of those letters were available at the meeting.
- Scholarship Committee chosen and they will be meeting soon to make decisions.
- Each parent group in the district will be donating \$100 to the Holmdel Foundation for Education Excellence (HFEE) for a plaque for the language lab.
- Mary announced the slate of PTSO Executive Board members for 2010-2011. Mary asked for nominations from the floor. None were made. The member ship voted and unanimously approved the following slate:
 - Co-presidents – Francine Campis and Mary Lou Moramarco
 - 1st VP Membership: Victoria Entwistle
 - 2nd VP Fundraising: Roseanne Wriedt and Teri Perez
 - Treasurer: Karin Swan
 - Recording Secretary: Michele Shields
 - Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Spalliero

Principal's Report

- Mr. Loughran reminded us that the HS was in the middle of AP exams which is a two week process.
- On Monday, May 17 and Tues. May 18, biology students will be taking an end of course exam during the first four periods of each day. Algebra 1 end of course assessments are scheduled for May 24.
- A practice level 2 evacuation will take place on Friday, May 21 during period 8.
- Anticipating that gifts from PTSO will help complete all classrooms with a projector for use with a computer suspended from the ceiling projecting onto whiteboard to aid instruction.

Teacher Representative Report

- HHS Students Score Big in National Merit Scholarship Competition. Fifteen seniors qualified as Finalists in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Competition. Seven students earned \$2,500 scholarships.
- Holmdel Senior, Dennis Lu, wins Siemens Award and was recently a winner of the 2009-2010 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement, based on his exceptional performance on Math and Science AP exams.
- Holmdel Students Score on the National French Exam. We had 17 students score in the top 20 places of their respective levels.

Officer’s Reports

VP Membership – Anna Li - 51% of parent/guardians of HHS students joined the PTSO in the 2009-2010 year and 100% of the HHS teachers joined the PTSO.

VP’s Fundraising – Lisa Lograno and Roseanne Wriedt - Additional \$75 raised.

Treasurer’s Report – Francine Campis - Francine read her **April 2010** report.

Income (fundraiser, membership dues,interest).....\$2597.39

Expense (Administrators lunch and plaque donation to WLL.).....353.73

Bank Balance as of April 30, 2010..... \$20,207.79

Cindy made a motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report. Annissa Lee 2nd. All approved.

Recording Secretary – Karin Swan made a motion to approve the April minutes. Sui May Chen 2nd the motion and the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

BOE – Barbara Daly

- Congratulations to Joe Clores, who was recently named the 2010 Monmouth County School Counselor of the Year.
- Congratulations to the eleven high school students who were accepted into the All-Shore Symphonic Band.
- We have seven National Merit Scholarship winners.

Bake Sales - Made \$65 this month

Booster Liaison – Lisa Burke - Opening the concession has been worthwhile generating revenue for Booster Club.

Holmdel Alliance - Petrina Picerno

- Petrina reported that Sudden Impact, a program designed to teach students about the perils of speeding and drinking and driving, went very well out on Sandy Hook.
- The Holmdel Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism & Drug Abuse is an organization composed of members of the community, including teachers, parents, administrators, and the Holmdel Township Police. Through education, workshops, lectures, and sponsorships of drug and alcohol free youth programs, the organization focuses on drug, alcohol, and

violence prevention in Holmdel Township. The Alliance includes the Village, Indian Hill, William R. Satz and High Schools and the non-public schools, St. Benedict's and St. John Vianney. Petrina reiterated the importance are parental awareness with regards to potential drug and alcohol abuse.

- A handout was distributed at the meeting outlining a new threat to our children called Spice/K2. This is a variety of herbs sprinkled with chemicals and smoked. Again, creating awareness in parents is the goal of the Alliance.
- The Alliance meets every third Tuesday of the month at the Holmdel High School Library at 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to join can come to the meeting.
- Mary Lou interjected with an announcement about the self-defense class given by the Holmdel Police Department for high school age and college age women. The program is full but Mary Lou is hopeful that the community may consider offering more frequent programs for Holmdel's young women.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) - Anne Pearl - Please support the film festival by attending on Friday, May 14.

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

- Class t-shirt sale (fundraiser) \$12/shirt. Order forms in Rm. 404. Ends May 13.
- Root beer float event (fundraiser) occurred after school, 5/4.

11th Grade Class Liaison - Email will be going out regarding Balloon sales for graduation.

12th Grade Class Liaison - Prom is June 4.

Project Graduation - Please volunteer to chaperone. Cannot be a senior parent.

Sunshine - Will be sending out congratulatory cards to Clores, Geotke, and the National Merit Finalists.

HFEE - Barbara DiNicola - The Foundation Dinner was a huge success At the time of this meeting we are only \$20,000 short of goal necessary for funding the World Language Lab. The event raised about \$50,000-\$60,000.

Hospitality – Linda Greco

- Need desserts for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.
- We are inviting rising 9th grade parents to join us for the last PTSO meeting of the year. It will be a breakfast meeting in the Lower Commons.

Provisional Business - Francine Campis informed us that only 40 recipes were received for the cookbook fundraiser so we will consider it a beginning for a project next year. Need 100 to make it work. Tabled for now.

Student Timeline - Mary mentioned discussion at a guidance meeting regarding a timeline for parents and students beginning in 6th grade. The timeline would be an information sheet for each grade highlighting important dates, events, things to prep for, etc.

New Business - None

Francine made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Petrina 2nd. The meeting was adjourned by 10:50 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will be Monday, June 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the high school lower commons. This meeting will include breakfast and an opportunity to meet the 2010-2011 PTSO Executive Board, administrators and some teachers. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Swan
PTSO, Recording Secretary