

Holmdel High School PTSO
June 14, 2010
Meeting Notes

Mary Pomarico called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. following an informal gathering over coffee. The final PTSO meeting/breakfast for the school year took place in the Lower Commons in the high school. Mary welcomed members and the 8th grade parent/guardians who were invited to attend. Everyone then stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Report

- President's council met, and discussed what a great, but challenging year it has been.
- Senior awards night is tomorrow night, June 15, 2010.
- Proms were both great, with no challenges, the kids all had a great time.
- Principal Bill Loughran will discuss the how the PTSO \$12,000 gift will be used by the High School. Bill will briefly review what we are purchasing this year since it is different from other years.
- Mary invited parents that are graduating from PTSO to come forward and receive a gift/plant from PTSO. Mary thanked them for their participation over the years and explained how we will miss them.
- Linda Greco was presented with a large planter with flowers for her many, many years of dedication to PTSO and the high school --over ten years. Linda created exceptional hospitality events for teacher luncheons, PTSO meetings, athletic events and other school events. We hope to continue to see her around town and at Holmdel events.

Slight change in order of reports

Treasurer's Report – Francine Campis - Francine read her **May 2010** report.

Income (fundraiser, membership dues, interest).....\$1,092.72

Expense (Teacher's lunch \$434.70, class gifts @ \$300 each, prom and graduation gifts \$2,000).....\$3,634.70

Bank Balance as of May 31, 2010..... \$17,665.81

We anticipate in June 2010 estimated cash outlay for Awards \$4,000, Hospitality \$1,000, Executive Board \$200.

The PTSO will award at the Senior Awards Ceremony 10 students – 5 for Service Award Scholarships and 5 for Unsung Hero Scholarships.

The PTSO will be gifting \$12,000 to the Holmdel High School.

Mary made a motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Sui May Chen 2nd. All approved.

Recording Secretary – Karin Swan pointed out a typo on the slate of officers for 2010-2011 year as well as an error in placement of information regarding student awards. The Jazz Band award announcement was made by Jill McCracken and not Barbara Daly. With corrections made, Karin made a motion to approve the minutes. 2nd by Anna Li. The May minutes were approved and will be posted on the PTSO section of the school website.

Principal's Report

- Bill Loughran thanked the Executive Board for all they do.
- We will miss the graduating parents.
- Mr. Loughran was grateful to the gift committee for \$12,000 that will be used to complete all the classrooms with white board laminate and projector screens to go along with the web-enabled computers in each room that are viewed through the projectors already in each room. This project is making the classrooms compatible with the 21st century. Teacher Representative, Jill McCracken stated that this gives the teachers an interactive way to teach and the students very much respond to it. The PTSO will be affecting all of the students and the teachers in a positive way with this gift.
- Exams begin on Thursday, June 17 through Tuesday, June 22. Busses will be running normal times for the students.
- June 22 and 23 are a 4-hr. days. Late busses will be running. Students can find out about grades on June 23 (The last day).
- Senior graduation practice will take place on June 22 at 12:00 pm and June 23 at 9:00 am. June 23 will be final rehearsal with caps and gowns being distributed. The rehearsals will take place in the auditorium on the Holmdel High School campus.
The graduation takes place at Brookdale, June 23 at 6:45 pm.
- Students will be given as many "blue hornet" postcards as they like to send to any teacher thanking them and inviting the teacher to the graduation ceremony if they like.
- Freshman orientation will take place on September 1, 2010 at 6:00 pm. Parents will receive information this summer. Parents will have an opportunity to follow their child's schedule.
- Impact from the \$1 million cut imposed by the Township Committee will impact the high school in a couple of ways. The 5:30 late bus will no longer be offered beginning the 2010-2011 school year. Three clubs will be cut and they are: Habitat for Humanity, Politics Club, and Mock Trial.
- Good news...Honors Organic Chemistry will be offered.
- Sports physicals will be after school on June 22. Students need to sign up for this prior with the nurse at the high school.
- Chartwells will be open during exams for students and PTSO will be giving a free snack to students as well.

Presentation of Gifts –

- Mary Pomarico presented the old slate of officers thanking them for their effort on the executive board and then presented the new slate of officers.
 - Co-presidents – Francine Campis and Mary Lou
 - 1st VP Membership: Victoria Entwistle
 - 2nd VP Fundraising: Roseanne Wriedt and Teri Perez
 - Treasurer: Karin Swan
 - Recording Secretary: Michelle Shields
 - Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Spalliero

Eating resumed. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Swan PTSO, Recording Secretary