

Holmdel High School PTSO
December 13, 2010 Meeting Notes

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. Lucia Van Name made a motion to accept the September minutes. Karin Swan 2nd. All approved.

Presidents Report

- HTEA reached a memorandum of agreement. Contracts will be ratified.
- The Heroes and Cool kids program will not require a donation from the PTSO this year as it will receive funding from a grant.
- Sign up for E-Alerts at HYPERLINK "<http://www.holmdelschools.org>" www.holmdelschools.org; have pertinent information emailed directly to you.
- Proper use of Parent support group's e-mail lists was discussed. Most board members feel that supporting and soliciting funds for township and private fundraising events is not in the best interest of the PTSO. The general feeling is that only school-based organizations should be allowed to solicit participation via the email lists. This issue will be further discussed at the next round table meeting.
- Interim Progress reports are discontinued now that the Parent Portal is in place.
- Mary Lou requested a volunteer to design this year's PTSO yearbook ad listing all graduating students.

Principal's Report

- Interim Progress reports have been eliminated due to the Parent Portal
- Report cards will continue to be printed.
- The annual Chorus and Bell Holiday concert was held on Dec 9 and was magnificent. A special thanks to Mr. Goetke for his hard work.
- Winter Instrumental Concert is Dec 21.
- National Honor Society Induction ceremony is scheduled for January 19.
- 8th grade parents were sent a letter inviting them to the January 13 "Information Night", where they can meet the H.S. administration, and learn about the school.
- Mr. Katz is out on medical leave and will return after Winter Recess.
- 2nd annual College Connection Assembly Program will take place on January 7. The event is hosted by guidance. College freshman share their experiences with current seniors and discuss the college transition process.
- All H.S. clubs are required to hold two after school meetings at 2:00 and 2:35p.m. to accommodate those students who need to utilize after school help.

Teacher Representative Report- Jill McCracken

- Barnes & Noble “Holmdel Day” gift- wrap went very well. Mr. Goetke conducted the Madrigal Choir and the French and Italian Honor society wrapped gifts.
- Mr. Gelpke and Mr. Gurney’s US History II classes participated in a World War I simulation where they attempt to avoid the war. Groups of students represented countries and succeeded in doing so. Everyone celebrated with a peace conference afterward.
- Mr. Lewis’s annual AMTNJ Math Contest was Dec 8. Students are eagerly awaiting results.
- Ms. Connelly’s Performing Arts Club raised over \$350 in support of Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids during their annual raffle. The program has raised a total of \$3,000 to date.

Officer’s Reports

VP Membership -Victoria Entwistle – \$10 in membership fees collected last month.

VP’s Fundraising – Roseanne Wriedt and Teri Perez –Annual Fundraising Campaign collected \$7,800 to date. Second request for fundraiser will go out in January. TGI Fridays Proceeds Night raised \$139.

Treasurer’s Report – Karin Swan- Karin read the November report.

Income (membership dues and main fundraiser)..... \$397.16

Expense (Hospitality, membership and postage).....\$1059.72

Bank Balance as of 10/31/2010..... \$12,654.91

Tammy Boyle made a motion to accept the November Treasurer’s Report. Debbie Bohny 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Cindy Spalliero - No report.

Committee Reports

BOE – Barbara Daly- BOE approved memorandum of agreement between the HBOE and HTEA 2009-2013 school years. There will be a revised Graphic Design curriculum for 2011-2012. The BOE adopted a Code of Conduct Policy.

Bake Sales – Debbie Bohny- \$50 raised at bake sale last month.

Booster Liason – Karen Mansuri – No Report.

9th Grade Class Liason – Lucia Van Name – No report.

10th Grade Class Liason - \$100 raised at Powder Puff game for sophomore class via concession stand sales.

11th Grade Class Liason – Pam Lynch –The Coffee House went very well and raised over \$300. Class officers will be selling Holiday Grams during lunch periods the week of Dec 20. A chocolate covered snack sale is scheduled for January.

Holmdel Alliance – Need liason and members!

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) – Laurie Fontana- No report.

HFEE – Christine Hazel. – Casino Night is scheduled for April 21. Currently accepting donations for the Annual Giving Campaign, which is their largest fundraiser of the year. HFEE is enrolled in the SCRIP program. It allows you to purchase gift cards on-line with HFEE receiving back a percentage of every purchase made. Choose from over 600 of your favorite retailers. Visit hfee.org and click on the Scrip Program for more information.

Hospitality – Chris Hazel and Emma Butler – Once again a fantastic holiday theme hospitality table set up.

Newcomers – Dominique Vitello – No Report.

Operation Get out the Vote - Need liason.

Project Graduation – Need liason.

Special Projects – Kim Fleak- No Report.

Student Directory – Theresa Slade – Directories have been distributed.

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana- “Get Well” cards were sent to Mr. Loughran and Mr. Katz.

Website – Tammy Boyle- Still working on setting this up.

New Business – Senior balloons to be discussed at next meeting.

Debbie Bohny made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris hazel 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will be January 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the high school auditorium.