

Holmdel High School PTSO
December 14, 2009
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

- The President's Council met and the web page for the parent groups is still in the developmental stage.
- Last meeting the PTSO voted to donate \$500 to *Heroes and Cool Kids*.
- Please join e-alert on the district web page if you want to receive automatic updates of school district news.
- There will be a presentation at the Wed., Dec. 16 BOE meeting to the Veterans who participated in a TV program last year that is airing on channel 97 Comcast. Mary urged members to attend.
- Mary urged the membership to consider funneling our money and energy as a school community to one larger effort that would benefit the entire school or district.

Principal's Report

- Principal Bill Loughran introduced Mr. Eng who gave a presentation on the 'Venture Crew' program. This is for 14-20 year olds who wish to participate in a co-ed program that teaches leadership and provides opportunities to rock climb, ski, hike, explore.
- Mr. Eng explained the program and informed the PTSO that Venture Crew schedules one meeting and one outing per month. Mr. Eng was requesting PTSO to sponsor the program in Holmdel.
- Interim Reports out on Friday, Dec. 18. Ask for them.
- Snow Ball (dance) scheduled for December 12 was canceled due to lack of student interest.
- Dance Team will provide a Winter Team for Basketball Half-time and a Fall Team for Football.
- Principal announced the Pop Warner Cheer Team National Champs (everyone cheered).
- Exams are slated for January 27, 28, 29 and February 1.
- Hope to have the LCD monitor up and running in the Commons in January to be used for news, announcements, feature video clips, promote school events.
- Robin Wetmore spoke up in favor of sponsoring Venture Crew. Worthy program.

- Debbie Bohny made a motion to have PTSO (as a chartering organization) sponsor Venture Crew at the cost of \$20. Petrina Picerno 2nd the motion. All approved.

Officer's Reports

VP Membership – Anna Li

- We have collected 47% of the membership dues from high school families so far.
- The membership will be recognized in January's newsletter.
- Please send in your membership fee of \$10 per family so we can have 100% participation.

VP's Fundraising – Lisa Lograno and Roseanne Wriedt

- Our biggest fundraising effort is the letter fund drive asking families to make a contribution by check to the PTSO. The letter has gone out to all families in the district. This effort supports Project Graduation, the Junior Prom, student scholarships, service awards and hospitality events.
- As of this meeting we have collected \$9,300.
- 2nd request going out in January.

Treasurer's Report – Francine Campis

Francine read her report.

Income (interest income, membership dues, fundraising, bake sales).....	\$5,224.03
Expense (Community Day and Open school night items, hospitality, teacher's tea).....	\$1,457.61
Bank Balance as of 11/30/09.....	\$21,644.39

- The audit has been completed. The books were found to be in good order with only minor findings. Two small expense and two deposit documentation entries were resolved. Please contact Francine if you have further questions.
- Francine suggested we have a formal policy requiring receipts for expense reimbursement on items over \$10.00. To date everyone always supplies a receipt so this policy is a formality for a practice that is already occurring.
- A motion was made by Cindy Spalliero to approve the Treasurer's Report, Robin Wetmore 2nd the motion. The report was approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Cindy Spalliero

- No report

Recording Secretary – Karin Swan

- Karin pointed to hard copy of the draft minutes on the hospitality table. Draft minutes were also emailed to those who are on the PTSO email list for review.
- Rebecca Pruitt pointed out that her report on ARISE was omitted. That report is included in the December Draft minutes.
- Francine Campis made a motion to approve the November minutes. Petrina Picerno 2nd the motion and the November minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Arise – Rebecca Pruitt

- Lisa Sockol and Rebecca Pruitt are trying to get a subgroup together for parents of children in Satz and HHS with the focus being on transitioning to secondary education (HS) where the IEP disappears and preparing young adults for entering the work force.
- Hopes are to meet in 2010 and send out information via school newsletters and possibly have information on the Holmdel website. Anyone interested in meeting or receiving information can contact Rebecca, 732.332.1033, stkmrkt@msn.com.

Bake Sales – Maria Martorelli

- \$70 generated from November sale.

BOE – Mary Pomarico reported for Barbara Daly

- TV Production 3 Course approved for the fall
- PTSO gift of LCD TV for High School approved
- Acting class trip to *Wicked* approved
- A.P. Spanish trip approved
- Chess team- 2 trips approved for matches
- Regulation on high school grading approved
- Numerous schedule B positions and leave replacement teachers on web site
- Next meeting December 16th

Booster Liaison – Lisa Burke

- No report

9th Grade Class Liaison – Debbie Bohny

- No report.

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

- Students will be gift wrapping for donations at Barnes and Noble on December 14 from 4-10:00 p.m. Please wear school apparel if you have it.

11th Grade Class Liaison – Robin Wetmore

- Juniors are managing the Graduation Balloon Sale for senior parents to purchase and tie to mailbox on Graduation Day.

12th Grade Liaison – Michelle Finchler

- Candy-Grams for sale in the Commons through December for anyone from anyone.

Holmdel Alliance – Petrina Picerno

- Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month in the HS library

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) - Anne Pearl with Marylou Moramarco reporting

- The plays were wonderful!
- Please remember to use www.Givenik.com if gifting shows for Christmas
- Tryouts for the musical this week.
- Satz school performing *Oliver* with Mrs.Killean (formerly Ms. Sneddon) directing

Holmdel Foundation for Educational Excellence (HFEE) – Barbara DiNicola

- The Gala is scheduled for April 17.
- Annual drive still going, receiving donations.
- The digital learning system enables multimedia-based software for teachers and students to share course materials, record conversations and develop language proficiency. The World Language initiative requires \$150,000 in fundraising.
- For more information, visit our website at <http://www.hfee.org/>

Hospitality – Linda Greco

- No report

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana

- Card to the Haley Family

Provisional Business

- None

New Business

- Marylou Moramarco is a census worker and encourages interested parties to contact her if they are interested in part-time employment. Field work paying \$15 per hour.

A motion was made to end the meeting (after the lights went out) by Rebecca Pruitt and 2nd by Francine Campis. The meeting was adjourned by 10:45 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the high school auditorium.