

## **Holmdel High School PTSO February 14, 2011 Meeting Notes Rough Draft**

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 and a moment of silence. Chris Hazel made a motion to accept the January minutes. Vicki Entwistle 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. **Presidents Report**

- The press box at Roggy Field has been condemned and needs to be replaced. Two trailers are coming in the interim for athletes to use during half time and inclement weather.
- The Holmdel Alliance is sponsoring the film "Race to Nowhere". The tentative date is April 12. They are looking to sponsor more events and welcome any ideas. Email [bhilliard51@comcast.net](mailto:bhilliard51@comcast.net) with suggestions.
- We have exhausted all of our snow days. Any additional snow days will come from Spring Break starting with April 25. For school closings, delayed openings or early dismissals please check the [Holmdelschools.org](http://Holmdelschools.org) website.
- President's meeting with Chartwells is scheduled for April 5. Please contact Mary Lou or Francine with any pertinent food service issues. Jim Gillspie from Chartwells has offered to speak to our membership regarding issues like pricing and food quality.
- The HFEE Casino Night is April 1.
- A website for the parent groups is being discussed. The current PTSO intention is to branch off to the [holmdelschools.org](http://holmdelschools.org) site and provide the ability to fill out forms, pay dues and make donations with credit cards as an option.
- Chinese Middle School students visited last week and learned how HHS students spend their day.
- 3 committees will be formed next month: Nominating, Scholarship and Gift. 5 people will be needed for each committee.
- No school February 18 and 21 in honor of Presidents Day.
- HPSA begins in March for grade 11.
- Comedy night featuring comedian Mike Marino is tentatively scheduled for May 7 in the HHS auditorium. It will be an adults-only dessert theatre.
- The 2011 nominating committee was formed and includes Robin Grossman, Chris Hazel, Mary Pomarico and Melanie Koehl. Cindy Spalliero will send out an email to solicit for the last available spot.
- The 2011 gift committee was formed and includes Robin Wetmore, Melanie Koehl, Mary Pomarico and Robin Gross. The alternates are Emma Butler and Barbara Daly
- Robin Wetmore made a motion to have one of the five members of the PTSO Scholarship Committee be a member of the executive board. Mary Pomarico 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Principal's Report**

- An unannounced intruder drill took place on Feb 10 during a lunch period. The staff and students are responding well to the drills.

- Sudden Impact program needs a new coordinator. Seniors who are planning to attend the prom are required to attend.
- Report cards were issued on Feb 10. Looking to get away from paper in the future, except for the final report card.
- HTEA Blood Drive 2/17
- Financial literacy is now a required course for all Freshman. All first semester students passed the course. Currently considering making this course a Junior requirement. The timing of topics may be more appropriate.
- All new drivers planning to park at HHS are required to attend a special program on March 15

Teacher Representative Report- Jill McCracken-

- Holmdel students won first place in Biology 1, Chemistry 1 and 2, Physics 1 and 2, and third place in Biology 2 at the New Jersey Science League meet in Feb. Special congratulations to four students who earned perfect scores: In Physics1 – Alan Sumski, Khrishna Yellayi, and Daway Chou Ren; In Chemistry 2- Bowen Lu.
- The Biology Olympiad is scheduled for February 17.
- Jill McCracken is working with the 9/11 Memorial Museum in NYC developing educational materials and lesson plans based on the exhibit. These resources will be available for parents and teachers who plan to bring children to the museum.
- Jill McCracken was selected as Bayshore Area Educator of the Year 2011, by our local Caesarea Lodge in Keyport.
- The National Honor Society participated in the Cinderella's closet fundraiser on Jan 28. Students assisted in various ways including modeling prom clothing and performing a hip-hop dance.
- The HHS TV and Film Society was selected as a 2010-2011 U Got Brains Champion by the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey. The award comes with a \$1000 stipend which will enable the students to work with the Holmdel Police Department and produce a public service announcement video. The video will focus on saving the lives of teen drivers and will address distracted driving because of texting or friends in the car.
- Margaret McDonald coordinated another successful Poetry Out Loud Competition. The first place winner, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader, will represent HHS at the Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition at Two Rivers Theatre in Red Bank on Feb 17.
- Melinda Brenner one of HHS's PE/Health teachers is currently being featured as a fitness expert at [www.newjerseyfitness.org](http://www.newjerseyfitness.org) and will be presenting a workshop on fitness at the State Physical Education and health Conference this month.

**Officer's Reports** **VP Membership** -Victoria Entwistle – 3 new members this month. Very low membership, only 37% of HHS families. There is concern that families automatically assume they are enrolled as members of the PTSO if they participate in the Write A Check Fundraiser, but they are not. We may need to emphasize this point in future correspondence. **VP's Fundraising** – Roseanne Wriedt and Teri Perez –Annual Fundraising Campaign has close to \$8,000 in donations. Second request for

fundraiser went out this week. **Treasurer's Report** – Karin Swan- Karin read the January report.

Income (membership dues, bake sale, and main fundraiser).....	\$202.61	Expense	
(Junior Prom, yearbook, and Exec. Bvv.....)	\$1320.00	Bank Balance as of 1/31/2011.....	\$11,876.83

Melanie Koehl made a motion to accept the November Treasurer's Report. Mary Pomarico 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. **Corresponding Secretary** – Cindy Spalliero - No report.

**Committee Reports****BOE** – Barbara Daley Retro pay for 2010-2011 was approved for HTEA. 2011-2012 school calendar was approved

3 open seats on the Board of Education for the next election. **Bake Sales** – Debbie Bohny- Last bake sale was snowed out. The next bake sale will be Feb 23.

**Booster Liaison** – Karen Mansuri – No report

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Lucia Van Name – Bake sale and many other events are being planned over the next few months.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – No Report

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Pam Lynch – Various after school fundraisers are planned for the next few months “Holmdel’s Got Talent” is planned for April 14. Sign ups start this week. Newly formed Jr. Prom committee is hard at work. Theme will be voted on in March. DJ and Photographer are booked.

**Historian** – Lisa Ching- No report

**Holmdel Alliance** – Need liaison and members! **Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA)** – Laurie Fontana- “Sweet Charity” at the HHS is set for March 10, 11 and 12. W.R. Satz play “Annie” was a success. HCAA president Barbara Daly has served 6 terms and is looking to step down. Anyone interested in replacing her or helping out on the committee should do so now. Otherwise, the committee may be forced to close, due to lack of membership.

**HFEE** – Vicki Entwistle –Annual giving campaign underway. April 1<sup>st</sup> is Casino Night at Sterling Gardens.

**Hospitality** – Chris Hazel and Emma Butler –Committee is missing a plastic container filled with tablecloths. Contact Chris or Emma with information.

**Newcomers** – Dominique Vitello – No Report. **Operation Get out the Vote** - Election day is April 27<sup>th</sup>. We need a liaison for this committee.

**OneCause Fundraising** – Joan Scocco – Should get a check soon. We need more people to shop on-line using this resource.

**Project Graduation** – Need liaison and members. **Special Projects** – Kim Fleak- No Report. **Student Directory** –Theresa Slade- No Report **Sunshine** – Laurie Fontana- No Report

**Website** – Tammy Boyle- No report. **New Business** –Will vote at next meeting on changing the criteria for the PTSO Scholarship Committee. The change would make it mandatory, for all candidates, to have family membership in the PTSO, for that calendar year.

Cindy Spalliero made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Melanie Koehl 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next PTSO meeting will be March 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the high school auditorium.