

Holmdel High School PTSO
March 11, 2013 Meeting Notes

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The PTSO meeting took place in the auditorium. Mary Lou pointed out the fire exits and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Kristin Echavaria made a motion to accept the February minutes. Roseanne Wriedt 2nd. All approved.

Presidents Report

- It is time to start thinking about PTSO board positions for next year. Please volunteer if you can. Nominations will close this month and the slate will be read at the April meeting to be voted on at the May meeting. Requests have been sent out for nominations for the PTSO elected board positions to all of the appointed board members, the entire HHS population and to all 8th grade parents.
- There will be a food services meeting immediately following this meeting with the new Service Assistant Director Craig Lanzer. Everyone is welcome is to come. A walk through the HS café and item sampling is on the agenda
- Presidents Counsel has not met but a special thank you to Darlene Kiss and all of the volunteers she organized for the Holmdel Helps Keansburg Sandy Relief fundraiser. Initial reports are that over 700 people attended the event at the Lake Side Manor and over \$100,000 raised. What a fantastic effort by our entire community!
- The Parent support group table at Community Day will provide children with materials to create letters of encouragement for the Keansburg victims of Hurricane Sandy.
- The HHS production of the Wizard of Oz was a fantastic production.

Principal's Report – Mr. Loughran – Principal's Report – 11 March 2013

Caroline Rose Blustein

Born March 6 at 6:32 PM

8 pounds 4 ounces and 21.5 inches long

Everyone is happy and healthy!



“Sustaining Excellence” – Middle States Protocol

The **Planning Team** had its first meeting on Feb. 26th and will meet again this afternoon (March 11th) – first order of business is to evaluate Mission and Belief Statements – look for a survey on these items shortly after Spring Break.

New Procedures for Exiting the Parking Lot at Dismissal

Has gone very well – much safer...thanks to everyone for their cooperation

HSPA Testing March 5-6-7

Went exceedingly well – makeups this week.

Holmdel Helping Keansburg

Raised \$96,000 -- \$6,000 from student body (Powder Puff)

Upcoming Events

- 11 March – Winter Sports Awards
- 12 March – Junior Parent Night (Guidance Dept.)
- 13 March – BOE Meeting
- 14 March – WL International Dinner
- 15 March – Band Aid for Uganda
- 19 March – HDAA (Alliance Mtg.)
- 20 March – Mr. Holmdel
- 22 March – Early Dismissal (Spring Break)

Teacher’s Report – Cheryl McBride – News for PTSO for March 11, 2013
Teacher Representative – Sherry McBride

New Club-- Gay-Straight Alliance

Mr. Cahill reports that they held the first meeting of the Gay-Straight Alliance at the end of February. There was an overwhelming turnout with standing room only! Students discussed what they want out of the group, established a mission statement, and discussed LGBT discrimination.

Student Recognition

The Poetry Out Loud program (which begins at the classroom level) yielded a Regional Winner this year. Julia Shapiro, a sophomore, won the competition that was held at the Two River Theater. She advanced to the State Competition, which will be held on March 15th at Princeton University.

Emilia Donovan was selected to receive the Monmouth County Guidance Directors Caring Award for her efforts to raise money for victims of SuperStorm Sandy. As part of the programs, Emilia was required to develop a video explaining what she is doing in coordinating the event that is scheduled for April 19. The video can be viewed on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EExGSxcV63k>.

In the Classroom

Ms. McDonald's 9th graders have been studying *Midsummer Night's Dream* through performance-based techniques. She learned these strategies at a Folger workshop in NYC that she attended with Marianne Connelly and Jen Rogers this summer. Her sophomores are pursuing self-designed projects in which they test the validity of Transcendentalism. Students will generate art, photography, fashion, music and business proposals inspired by the essays of Emerson and Thoreau.

During last marking, Ms. Emery had 46 Senior First Aid students become certified by the American Heart Association in CPR, AED, and First Aid.

From The Arts

Ms. Lazar reports that the K-12 district-wide Art Show opened last week in the Lower Commons and coincided with the run of the high school play *The Wizard of Oz* last weekend. This enabled many community members the opportunity to view the artwork of Holmdel students. The show is exceptional and all are encouraged to view the work which remains on view throughout this week.

College Bound

Ms. Kostka reports that 90% of the seniors applied to colleges/universities. Some colleges will be responding this month and some have already given the students their decision. For the most part, the seniors have a deadline of May 1 to respond to the colleges to tell them whether they plan to attend the school.

Officer's Reports

VP Membership -Victoria Entwistle – 7 new families have joined. A total of 172 families are members bringing us to 20% of the HHS population. This number is extremely low and most likely due to our “Go Green” effort. We will try to Collect membership dues at the check-in for Dancing Through The Decades fundraiser.

VP Fundraising –Teri Perez, Roseanne Wriedt – 85 families have participated in the Write-a-Check fundraiser. \$2500 was raised from the last mailing that went out bringing grand total to \$7,600. Dancing Through The Decades fundraiser is scheduled for April 20 at the Greek Church at 6:30p.m. Dinner and Show for \$50 BYOB. It will be a fun casual evening for all HHS parents to get together and support our school. 2 sets of volunteers are needed at 12 noon at the church and then at 5:30. Donations of soda and water are needed. Please contact Roseanne or Teri for more information.

Treasurer’s Report – Debbie Bohny- Debbie read the February report:

Income (membership, Annual Fundraiser, mailing reimbursement, dance tickets, photocopier).....\$857.00
Expenses (mailing fee)\$107.10

January 31 Ending Balance\$8455.42

Donna Disko made a motion to accept the February Treasurer’s Report. Roseanne Wriedt 2nd. All approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Dani Page – No report

Committee Reports

ARISE Liaison – Darlene Kiss- No report

Bake Sales – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – The next bake sale is next Tuesday

BOE – Barbara Daly – No report

Booster Liaison – Roseanne Wriedt – Next meeting is Wednesday at 6. There will be a fundraiser Movie Night to benefit the Booster Club on June 7 featuring the film “The Blind Side”

9th Grade Class Liaison – Mary Lou Moramaro – No report

10th Grade Class Liaison – Donna Disko – Dodge ball game scheduled

11th Grade Class Liaison – Lucia Van Name – Currently working on the prom. The theme is “Under The Stars” and the event is scheduled for May 17 at Doolan’s in Spring Lake.

12th Grade Class Liaison – Debbie Bohny – The theme for the Senior Prom is “A Night At The Circus”, and is scheduled for June 14. Running fundraisers to keep the cost down for the event including candy sales, Zumba, Bertucci’s Night and T-Shirt sales.

HCAA – Sheika Dombek – Wizard of Oz was a wonderful production last month.

HDAA – Kristin Echavaria –No report

HFEE – Chris Hazel – The new sound system in the auditorium works great and was much needed. It makes such a difference in all of the live performances. The newest HFEE fundraiser will feature a donor mural that will be created on the back wall of the HS Commons. HHS students will be involved in creating every aspect of the mural.

Hospitality – Chris Hazel – No report

Newcomers – Colleen Fischer – 45 new students this year.

OneCause Fundraising – On the website School Pop has to be changed to One Cause. A flyer advertising this site will go out in the Back-To-School packet.

Photocopier – Vicky Mazzei – No report

Programs – Darlene Kiss, Darlene Field and Lisa Lograno – No report

Project Graduation – Elaine Killough – Annual donation request letter was sent out. Don't forget with the warm temperatures arriving; every Thursday at Cold Stone enjoy 10% off on your ice cream and 10% donated to Project Graduation.

Publicity – Joanne Colella – Please send publicity requests as well as photos of your events to her.

Special Projects –Emma Butler- Holmdel Day is April 20. Table will feature writing letters of support to Sandy Victims.

Student Directory –Theresa Slade – Thank you for being the first to volunteer for next year's appointed board as the Student Directory Committee Liaison.

Sunshine – Laurie Fontana – Thank you to Laurie for chairing this committee! It is a perfect example of how you can get involved with the PTSO, even if you are unable to make the monthly meetings.

Website – Tammy Boyle- If you need to post anything on the parent website please send to her at theresem1010@aol.com

Provisional Business –

- There was a slight change made to the Nominating Committee as Karen Strickland will be unable to serve on it. Mary Lou made a motion for alternate Kristin Echavaria to replace Karen Strickland. The 2013 Nominating Committee will now include Andrea Wojtunik, Vicky Mazzei, Debbie Bohny, Donna Disko and Kristin Echavaria, with Lisa Lograno and Mary Pomarico serving as alternates. Michele Shields 2nd. All approved.
- Next month we will vote on amending the bylaws so that teachers will pay \$5 instead of \$2 for membership.

New Business –

Kristin Echavaria made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicki Mazzei 2nd. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next PTSO meeting will take place on April 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.