

UHS PTO Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2018
***approved**

Meeting began 9:22a.m.

President's report

- Great turnout of this meeting- Ann thank you to EVERYONE- tell all your friends
- Current Board members
 - Ann Ferentinos- co president
 - Lynda Nadin- co-president
 - Karen Dempsey- Vice President- Scholarship
 - Open position - Need a Vice President to shadow Ann and Lynda this year to be co- president for next year
 - Dana Mayer- Treasurer
 - Lisa Tascione- Projects Manager
 - Lisa Brown- Recording Secretary
 - Kim Lauder- At Large
 - Luci McClure- At Large
- Welcome back staff luncheon- Thank you to Maria Tayoun, Jenny Brucker, Jen Horne and and all that contributed- teachers really enjoyed it and were very grateful.
- ENews- goes out bi-weekly, but may go out just monthly
- PTO no longer requires \$5 membership fee to vote as a member
- Directory- this is the last year to order a hard copy of the directory
- ACT/SAT- Sept. 22 at 7:30 a.m.- signup on website
- Project grant requests - deadline sept 17- vote is Nov. 8th at our PTO meeting
- Back to School night- tonight Sept. 13- PTO table outside cybercafe to sign up to help for future events- your name will be put in a raffle for a free act/sat test

***May 2018- PTO Meeting Minutes approved*

Treasurer's Report

Year end report

Budget for current year

Year End

Income- art gala and used book sales- did great

- Directory

- Interest from saving
- Membership booster \$5 from last year- donations
- Passive- Giant A+ rewards
- SAT/ACT Practice tests
- Total Income- \$67,177

Expenses

- Operating- community service- donate to community, focus, education, Hardin-Jefferson donation
- Toys for tots- material for class to create toys and donate
- After prom contribution
- PTO projects
- Gazebo- ongoing project from a couple years ago- completed just needs to be placed
- Total Expenses- \$37,429
- **Year End Report approved*

Budget for current year

- Changes include
- Income- No longer \$5 fee to become a voting PTO member- all parents have voting rights without having to pay; budgeted booster amount only represents donations to PTO.
- Directory is being removed
- Expenses- increased the prom contribution
- Hardin Jefferson removed; one time donation
- GC taken out and funds shifted to Kind Fund- Carolyn will direct as needed
- Toys for Tots increased - material amount increased so we were asked to increase the budget amount

***Current year 2018-2019 budget approved*

School Counselor Report- Bobby Findora

- Sequence of meetings with counselors
 - 1st marking period -meet with each senior (others are also seen as needed)
 - 2nd period - freshman
 - 3rd period- junior planning conferences- action plan for students future after they graduate
 - 4th period- sophomores
- PSAT- all 10th and 11th graders- October 10th - take the exam during the school day

- new this year- college planning night will be added as a webinar - will add to the Naviance account program for the students- will allow counselors to track the students if they are using it and adding to it
- Seminar for interviewing process will possibly be put on the calendar in the spring- mock interviews might be a part of that to prepare students.

Counselors are being invited for the October 11th PTO meeting

Principal's Report

- Welcome back
- Theme is wellness (last year was kindness)
- If something doesn't sound right it probably is not, please call in- doesn't want the fake news to spread- just usually miscommunicated
- Back to School Night- tonight- parking is an issue- cones will be in fire lanes- shuttles from Unionville Elementary will be in place- A day schedule- great night to meet the teachers- face to face connections
- Next Tuesday Sept. 18- Picture Day
- Cell phones in High School- they have not been banned in the HS- each teacher has the discretion to take the cellphones during class- not mandated- seems very positive so far
- Study Halls- fake news that there is a staffing issue at the HS- not true- want to limit foot traffic in hallways- so many people were all over the school into library etc.- a few parents commented that their students are being distracted and are not able to actually use the study hall for the purpose of what it is here for- some kids are now going into the auditorium and opening up additional classrooms- no desks in the auditorium- do not want to impact the kids negatively- trying to manage both impacting students positively and spacing issues
- Lunch and Learn- Tim Hoffman and Jimmy Conley looking into some changes- so much time in the day for instruction- 1 hour out of the day would be an open campus day- flex time- possibly will have a swipe system with badges- gives all kids a break out of the day- could allow for teacher meetings, club meetings, etc. by October a proposal on this topic will be at curriculum counsel-great opportunity but logistically will be a challenge
- Parking- large senior and junior classes this year- all seniors get a parking pass- Junior lottery per semester- cannot oversell the parking passes- we only have so many spots
- National Merit Scholars- 15 kids this year
- Junior/Senior combined prom this year- Chase Center on the Riverfront

- Anonymous reporting app- Act 54- can report things by students/parents/etc. If they see is a concern- parent nights and student meetings will be held to discuss
- Policy 218- Discipline policy- making some changes because of changes with student involvement of different things in today's age (ex- vaping and juuling)
- Juuling and vaping- October parent meeting- happens all over the country at all ages

Art Gala- Carol Apicella

- In extreme jeopardy- no one is stepping up to take it over for the following year
- Began 43 years ago
- 70 professional artists- 200 students- highlight for all art students
- \$8,000-\$10,000 thousand raised per year
- 2019 Carol will not be a part of it
- Chairs needed to shadow current chairs to organize it and run it next year
- Publicity
- Student art
- Food
- Finance
- General support
- Silent Auction
- Need 1-Student volunteer coordinator- NHS person is usually in charge- sign up genius already set up -it just needs to be sent out and then monitored 2- Adult coordinators- need signup genius sent out and then to check with chairs 3- Sponsorship chair needed- postcard sent out to all taxpayers in the district- we have a list of who we got sponsors from last year so can go off that - letters are all ready- need to coordinate and organize
- Need shadows for several of these chairs to take over next year
- Kick off meeting will be soon

Coat Drive

- Dec. 15- Mary Walter and Maria Tayoun
- Community service project all across the district- spearheaded here at the high school
- Need someone to do pick up at the elementary schools
- Need for storage space- to store coats

After Prom- May 18th, 2019- Luci McClure

- Kick off meeting is at the end of this month- Sept. 25th- This event is also in jeopardy- signup genius and requests need to go out earlier this year

- Last year- 325 kids participated- more juniors come than seniors
- 200 volunteers last year
- 250+ who donated from businesses and families
- Recommendation- have students in each class handle a specific room decor and offer a prize for best decorations- (if the kids are invested in it, there might be more participation?- just a thought)

Focus Chair- Lisa Tascione

- Family outreach committee of chadds ford- provide help to parents and students about wellness
- Sept. 27th at 7:00 p.m. is the first meeting

PTO Bylaws- Luci McClure

- Cleaning them up and getting rid of \$5 to be a member to vote
- Will be in the ENews and we will vote on them at the next meeting

Next PTO meeting- October 11, 2018 at 9:15 a.m.

*school counselors will be here- sneak preview of financial aid night and college planning

Meeting adjourned 11:19 a.m.