

# **UHS PTO Meeting Minutes**

## **October 11, 2018**

### **Introduction of the PTO Executive Board**

Co-President- Ann Ferentinos

Co-President- Lynda Nadin

VP- Karen Dempsey- Scholarships

Treasurer- Dana Mayer

Recording Secretary- Lisa Brown

At Large- Kim Lauder

At Large- Luci McClure

Projects Coordinator- Lisa Tascione

Project Grant Deadline is September 17- final vote will be at the November 8th PTO meeting

### **Used Book Sale- Angela Blecher**

- Thank you to all those who helped for book sale last year- last year we raised lots of money- asking for adult volunteers- volunteers last year were a lot of the students, but we need more adult volunteers
- Needed
  - Web person
  - AD/CD position
  - Before sale to arrange signs- put the signs up and pick them up
  - Community
  - Publicity
- Will put something in enews for volunteers

Meeting minutes will now be posted on the UHS website prior to approval

\*\*September Meeting Minutes approved

### **Treasurer's Report- Dana Mayer**

Boosters, After Prom and Scholarship income

Nothing else to report at this time

\*Treasurer's report approved

## Counselors

Trish Vaughn

Mary Beth Lyles

Bobby Findora

- PSAT testing was yesterday
- College applications - teacher referrals, etc. November 1 deadline
- If 1 ref. letter is required & 1 recommended- should they just send 1- just typically send what is asked and no more, but it is up to you- check admissions website at each college and go from what that says
- Teacher recommendations- when do juniors ask for teacher recommendations- student doesn't see the letter- college wants it that way- submit everything in by June 1st- it is more to a specific date not how many a teacher will send- each teacher is different- toward the end of spring is when to ask the teachers for their letters- need to be presenting their good character, academic behavior, act appropriate- ask those teachers that will be able to paint a positive picture of you- start asking in March, but prepare with your attitude from day 1- do not ask past the deadline- need forms by a certain date
- Forms available on naviance- LONG forms for students and parents- keep in mind that these letters are a part of the larger picture you and what you send to the colleges- what did you do in my class that helps me paint a positive picture for you- those teachers you ask should be the teachers that know you well, really like you, what skills did you demonstrate in that class to show that you are great
- Is there a PA Higher education scholarship- yes see Trish Vaughn
- Do you have to fill out the fafsa form- everyone should really fill that out even if you don't need financial aid- everyone is at least available for a loan- depends on the school
- Juniors- process around seeing the college visits here- 100-150 colleges come to ur school every year- students get a list- student gets a pass from the teacher to go see the college representative- it is up to the specific teacher to let them skip class to go see the college- colleges keep track of your interest- there is no limit of how many you visit, but up to teacher if you can go or not- webinars happen as well when a school representative is not available to physically go to UHS
- Financial aid tonight- expert coming tonight to the meeting- talks about scholarships, differences between grants and loans
- What percentage of students here get scholarships?- counselors rely on the students to tell them, but counselors do not keep track or who does or doesn't get the scholarships
- Look to each school to see which scholarships that apply to that specific school- then you know what to apply for at UHS- always check the scholarship specific to each college
- UHS gave out \$60,000+ scholarships last year (not including the ROTC scholarships)
- Start writing those essays- so many scholarships to SO many things that we are not aware of. RESEARCH

- Some scholarships are more reputable- a handout is given to the students

### **Art Gala - November 16 and 17**

Thank you to Dana Mayer and Jen Hall who have offered to handle  
Sign up genius will be going out soon

### **Coat Drive**

Maria Tayoun and Mary Walter  
Boxes up by end of month for collection at each school

### **Jimmy Conley**

- Last week was homecoming week -best homecoming week ever- so much fun with spirit week
- CBS channel 3- Chelsey Ingram- TV had us as game of the week Friday- pep rally- football- Jimmy showed the video of the news clip of us.
- Back to School night- no one got a ticket- shuttle was used- went very well
- PSAT day yesterday
- Activities fair at the school
- Nov. 1- The Kindness Diaries- netflix series- Leon is coming to our school- assembly with the kids and a night with parents also
- Vaping traveling road show by Jimmy will be coming to us- partner with health department- so new to everyone- is now happening at the middle school-
- **Safety- Steve Silva Assistant Principal**
- Students had an assembly about the new official protocol of what to do in the event of a school evacuation due to a shooter on site
- RUN- HIDE- FIGHT
- Will have a parent night sometime in December to discuss
- This plan is the official protocol between the Homeland Security, State and Local police departments, school officials, etc.

### **After Prom- Luci McClure**

- Next meeting - October 30th
- Attendance was only 3 at last meeting
- We need LOTS of volunteers and support
- Possibility of having it at ACAC- then alternate it here and there each year so that it is different each year for the students- then the novelty doesn't wear off after their first year
- What is an ideal # of parents for the after prom- 2nd shift and clean up is where we have the most need- 200 total + 125 who took on rooms for decorating, but still not enough

\*\*Next PTO meeting November 8th

Meeting adjourned 11:36 a.m.

