

UHS PTO Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2018

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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

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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.