

HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL PTO MINUTES FEBRUARY 2, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Ayer (Secretary), Claudia Eaton (Treasurer), Paula Girouard McCann (Principal), Lisa Patterson (Class Parent 2017), Michelle Wagner (Class Parent 2020), Karen Neat (Red Carpet), Esther Zhong

Principal's Report (Paula G McCann)

- Thank you from the staff for the fruit and quiche lunch, raffle prizes and new microwave provided in December
- The GPA report with recommendations and resolution can be found on the HHS counselors website page
- One take away from countless conversations with college admissions staff is that strength of curriculum (SOC) is a major focus at many colleges.

Treasurer's Report (Claudia Eaton)

- YTD finances are doing well
- Senior Night funds coming in via PayPal and the new process is running smoothly
- Some mini grant funds awarded still need to be disbursed. Claudia and Paula to reach out to recipients to ensure payments disbursed.
- PTO funds payable to the HHS Student Activity Fund (i.e., scholarships, families with financial need, etc.) can be paid to the school anytime during the school year. Claudia will make payment now.

Secretary's Report (Michelle Ayer)

- December PTO meeting minutes updated and approved.

Committee Reports

Senior Night (Lisa Patterson)

- Plans for the all night post graduation party are well underway.
- Parent workshops/planning sessions are scheduled monthly and parents from ALL classes are invited and encouraged to attend and provide support for this HHS tradition

Antique Show (Lisa Patterson)

- The annual Antique Show is scheduled for March 25-26
- For the past three years this has been a Class of 2017 fundraiser but will now become a PTO/all class fundraiser, with fundraising opportunities for each class (ticket and program ad sales, café/refreshment sales and bake sale).
- Michelle Wagner (Class of 2020) will shadow Lisa Patterson this year and chair the committee next year.

Class Parent Updates (Michelle Ayer/Michelle Wagner)

- Discussion about the role of class parents (role is to solicit help from parents for fundraising events)
- Class of 2018 Junior Prom plans are underway and fundraising on track

- CertaPro has offered to sponsor the cost of “Home of a Hingham Graduate” signs with small sponsorship credit in bottom right corner (sign sponsored by CertaPro Painters). Classes can decide if they want to take advantage of this.
- Class of 2020 may hold a class only spring dance/event

Red Carpet (Karen Neat)

- Plans are underway for the pre prom Red Carpet event at Hingham Harbor
- Permits have been requested
- Traffic plan being coordinated between HPD and Red Carpet committee as some changes are needed this year due to crowd size
- Traffic detail to be paid by Senior Class fund
- George Luring to be confirmed as photographer
- HCAM to be contacted to film event
- Budget for event to be discussed at next PTO meeting (may need additional carpet)

Climate Committee (Michelle Ayer)

- Plans for the Senior Class day of service April 13, 2017 underway
- Committee is soliciting projects from Hingham not-for-profit organizations in Hingham.

Hospitality (Arlene Moynihan via email)

- December fruit and quiche luncheon for HHS staff was a success
- Committee raffled off 25 gift cards and purchased a new microwave oven with donations from awesome HHS families
- A soup and salad luncheon for staff will be held Feb 15 or Mar 8, depending on school calendar

New Business

- A \$400 grant for Meghan Melanson (Phys Ed teacher) to fund a self defense for girls was requested. It was decided Paula will fund from her principal’s discretionary fund.
- Paula was acknowledged and thanked for her 17 years of successful leadership at HHS
- HHS PTO has been asked to choose a parent representative to serve on the principal search committee. Interested parents should send an email to hhsweekly@gmail.com by Friday, February 10.

Meeting Adjourned 10:40

Next PTO meeting Thursday, March 3, 9:30am Room 103