

PTSO Meeting 2.13.17

VHS Cafeteria, Begin 7:15 pm, End 8:30 pm

Next meeting Mon 3/13 at 7 pm, always second Monday of the month

Attending

Jen Desch, Richard Broan, Anya Muhlhauser, Ann Fernicola, Kim Garrison, Colleen O'Dea, France Dion, Mary Raefski

Finances/Treasurer's Report

Presented by Colleen O'Dea. Balance is \$6,396. Compared to last year \$4,000 behind. Selling bowling tickets and Shop Rite cards. If anyone is interested in taking over or helping with the SR card sales, it would be greatly appreciated. We are significantly down in earnings from last year.

Need to order the school buses for PG, which is June 15th. Check with First Student (School bus) and Martz (regular bus) for pricing. Trip is 45 minutes each way. Buses get here 7:30 pm and depart VHS 8pm, depart 3:30 am from East Hanover, 4:30 am arrival at VHS. Drivers are welcome to come in.

Amazon Account

This month we collected \$112.06. We got a notice that we earned more than \$300 for December, not sure when we will receive it.

Voorhees Municipal Alliance

Holding annual Fundraiser and will see what they can donate to support PTSO.

Website/Communications

Mr. Broan will update website for Amazon purchases and post our meeting minutes.

Membership Drive

Jen set up a PayPal account but there was a problem finalizing the account. Jen D still working on it.

Project Graduation-no changes in notes from previous meeting

- Made Down-payment of \$1,000 for the FunPlex, which was chosen by the student body.
- Discussed the idea of a "holding check" that will be shredded or returned if students who committed to going do attend, cashed if do not attend. They student reps seemed to agree that was a reasonable policy and will share it with their classmates. We will decide on this once we know whether or not we will need to charge and attendance fee if enough funds are not generated.
- Hypnotist was a big hit. If have to eliminate something, then eliminate carnival games trailer.

School Resource Officer will be able to help. Hopefully will have one by Jan 1. No word on that yet.

- Chaperones: teachers need to be paid 4 teachers \$150 each, possibly 8 if no parents chaperone
- Parent chaperones(?) hard to get
- Bag checks done by those chaperoning
- About 289 students in the class. Need to guarantee 200.

Fundraisers

Voorhees Got Talent – cancelled this year.

- 1.) Dine Italian – all thank you notes were mailed on 11/4 by France!
- 2.) Amazon – link shared by Maren
- 3.) Oakwood lanes, Colleen has the tickets for sale
- 4.) Garage sale, decided to cancel but keep for next year. Anya canceled the room reservation with Mrs. Viscel.

5.) Raffle

Feedback from Julie

- \$5/ticket--Must list value of the prizes on the ticket. Can sell raffle tix at sporting events, Concerts, Musical, Garage Sale
- **Cannot use mailing return labels on the ticket as part of the state regulation, must be handwritten. No bent, folded, reproductions, etc**

Updated Prizes:

- 1st prize: \$1,000 Visa Gift Card
 - 2nd prize: \$750 Visa Gift Card
 - 3rd prize: *Taste of Hunterdon* \$450 value (Wegmans \$100, Cryans, Metropolitan Seafood, Chocolate Shop \$20, King Tut \$20)
 - 4th prize: Beaver Brook gift certificate (Value \$250)
 - 5th prize: \$250 Shop Rite gift card
- Application was notarized, and sent to the state. Jen Desch has the license finalized!!!!
 - Julie can arrange printing of the tickets, books of 8 tickets each. \$306 for 1,200 books of 8 tickets for Bernardsville Print Shop, stapled and perforated. White paper is fine. Colleen is checking to compare price from last year, \$292.20 from Tickets and More.
 - Jen will contact Julie 2/14 to ask her to order the tix. If she can't do it, Anya will place the order.
 - Anya will find the raffle letter and update it and send out for approval.
 - Each ticket must be numbered.
 - Senior families get 2 books
 - Junior families get 1 book
 - Sophomore families get 1 book
 - Freshman families get 1 book
 - We need to get together to stuff the envelopes with the letter, raffle books, buy stamps, check on mailing labels in the closet to make sure still sticky. Have to check both sets of envelopes to make sure enough postage because of weight from two books and one book.

284 Seniors

1086 total Students

1,370 books plus extras, so print 1,500, 130 extra books to sell at events in addition to the general mailing.

Coffee House March 17.

March 22nd – teaching teen safety 7 pm.

Play is April 6-9.

Drawing is May 15th!

6. Voorhees High School Graduate lawn signs. Mr. Broan said that if pre-paid can store them in the conference room and parents/kids can pick them up.

Last year made about \$600. We sold 48 individual signs, 26 Proud of..., 49 generic.

Ann and Kim will work with printer FastSigns in Flemington. Will inquire about the stakes \$. There are three options that will be available for sale starting in March:

\$15 generic one with the year

\$15 generic one without the year

\$25 personalized with the year

Purchases will be prepaid only. But will print a few extra generic signs for folks who didn't pre-order for last-minute purchases.

Local Business Donations

At end of year we solicited local business to support Project Graduation, \$2,150 raised. Displayed name at Graduation Reception plus sent a letter sized thank you to be displayed in the store. Do we want to do this again? Wait a while to do that until April or May, only non-food places that we didn't ask to support DI.

Student of the Month

Four students per month (one per grade) each gets \$10 Dunkin Donuts gift card, \$40 total. Anya Muhlhauser donated the January cards. France Dion donated February. Ann Fernicola donated March cards.

PTSO Student Scholarships

Mr. McGeehan is in charge of getting the donation from us and gives it to the recipients, one boy and one girl who embody the spirit of the school. We need to confirm how and when this is done. \$150 each, distributed in June as a check. Don't announce the amount ahead of time just in case don't have the funding.

Bank Account

Jen D will be second signature, done.

Graduation Reception

Not really necessary now that ceremony is in the morning. See if we can get volunteers. Ask Key Club students, some cookies and water. Will address as we get closer to the date.