

**AHS PTSA Meeting  
February 21st, 2018  
Meeting start: 7:02 pm**

**Attendees:** Lesley Harrison, Donna Lankard, Lynn LeFevre, Beth Donohue, Christine Lent, Gina Ragusa, Kelly Williams, Sylvia Mazzelli, Anna Tihin, John Timm, Christine Longwell, Brian Hogaboom, Howard Poole, Briar McNutt  
A quorum was present.

**President's Report**

- The updated by-laws were presented with no changes. A motion to approve them was made by Donna Lankard and seconded by Beth Donohue. They were passed by a vote with no opposition or abstentions.
- District Passport – we need some AHS volunteers to stamp passports at upcoming events.
- Harlem Wizards – this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for the event. Each PTA gave \$1000 and made \$1800. It was decided not to hold it next year, and to wait two or three years before holding it again
- The PTSA Council needs a secretary

**Secretary's Report – Lesley Harrison**

- The November minutes were presented. Beth Donohue made a motion to accept them, it was seconded by Donna Lankard and approved by those present.

**Treasurer's Report – Sylvia Mazzelli**

- November had no deposits.
- December there were spiritwear sales and a membership purchase
- January we received our profit from the Harlem Wizards fundraiser

**House of 2021 – Mr Hogaboom**

- Scheduling has already started. Students are meeting with their guidance councilors and will be bringing home course selection sheets for signature.
- Movie night is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:30 – 4:30 and is Grownups 1. There will be free pizza and popcorn during the movie
- Outstanding Admirals – they are looking for nominations from teachers

**House of 2020 – Mr Timm**

- Outstanding Admirals – there was an ice cream social recognition for about 60 students, most attended
- There will be a volleyball tournament on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:30 pm sponsored by the sophomore class
- Rotary youth Leadership Awards Conference (RYLA) is June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, applications are due back by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Chris Herron spoke on February 8th

**House of 2019- Ms LeFevre**

- January held a cocoa and a movie event after school, about 15 students attended
- Outstanding Admirals – almost 100 students were selected and will be celebrated tomorrow with a certificate, lanyard and a sweet treat.
- Scheduling has started and students are meeting with guidance counselors. Course selections sheets will be coming home with students for a signature. It ends 3/21.
- College Information night is March 22<sup>nd</sup> and is open to all 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> graders.
- The Rotary Club recognized Ben Perry and Brad Corrado
- The MS&T fair still needs volunteer listeners
- CAPE driving night dates, required for students who want senior parking permits next year are on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> at Arlington, or can go to alternative dates at other local schools. MUST attend with a parent.
- Junior Prom is on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Villa Borghese

**House of 2018 – Dr Tihin**

- The Cape Driving Sessions are April 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Follies are on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm
- The Buff Bowl is on Wednesday after school
- Scholarship information – students should be checking Naviance as there are new scholarships appearing daily
- Outstanding Admirals – 48 students and 16 teachers are being recognized tomorrow
- There are 226 students on the Honor Roll and 51 students on the Principal's List for marking period 2
- College acceptances are now coming in

- The Team has visited both middle schools to talk to 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Last week 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents came to a Course Selection Information Evening
- February 13<sup>th</sup> was the first ever HBCU fair, which was held in the library and had a nice turnout
- Dr Tihin announced that she is retiring in September

#### **PTSA Council Report – Christine Lent:**

- The council holds idea sharing sessions which are going really well and producing good co=operation between all the PTAs in the district
- Looking at ways to increase membership in our PTAs
- NYS PTSA Conference is July 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> in Schenectady and it titled ‘Oh the places you will go’.

#### **MS&T Fair**

- Is on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and we still need volunteers, see the website for the volunteer needs and a form
- IBM’s Watson, one of only 8 in the USA will be there
- There will be other companies presenting

#### **Spirit Wear – Kelly Williams**

- Had very good December sales totaling almost \$6000
- Will be selling the remainder of our stock at the Arts Fair
- Are looking into lanyards

#### **Stop and Shop A+ Rewards – Christine Lent**

- Have 306 participants, up from 263 at this time last year
- We are at almost \$300 more than this time last year, and hope to make our target

#### **Reflections**

- Taconic judging has ended and the ceremony will be at the end of March

#### **Student Walkouts**

- Some students want to do something and have been working with administrators to plan to do something, rather than have everyone just wandering out
- It will be a controlled event.
- Members of the Sheriff’s Dept will be here
- Remember that there is an anonymous tips line for the school – ‘if you see something, say something.’

Next Meeting: March 21st

Time meeting adjourned: 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted, Lesley Harrison, Secretary

Approved: 4/18/18