

## Huntington PTA Council: March 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Bari Fehrs, PTA Council President, at 9:57 AM on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Welcome. Pledge of allegiance, approval of minutes from the February 2013 meeting.

**Treasurers' report-** \$630.00 was spent for purchase of budget banner from Sign a Rama. Sunshine fund flowers were sent to Elaine May.

**Presidents' report-** Ms. Fehrs made the following advocacy announcements; Advocacy rally at Walt Whitman HS on 2/25, 'Virtual Lobby Day' through NYS PTA website on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

District wide blood drive will be held at Woodhull Intermediate on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Unit Presidents were informed to contact their reps to advertise and begin sign-ups.

Nominating Committees- units should begin forming committees . These groups shall consist of 3 executive board members and 2 general PTA members. Ms. Fehrs will forward rules and procedures to unit presidents.

SDM/PTA Council sponsored Parent University on the common core standards will take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 pm. Location TBD.

A book sale with titles from the upcoming summer reading list will be on site. Each PTA unit has been asked to provide refreshments.

**Guest Speaker-** Carolyn Levine, Relay For Life spoke about this years event which will take place on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. She and staff advisors worked with 40 HHS students this year. The committee meets every Friday. This committee has worked on programs for primary and secondary grades, cancer education programs and community service. Packets were given to each unit . Those interested can contact Carolyn to setup an event.

Last year their efforts raised \$134,000. HHS was named the Top Rookie divisional HS.

**Guest Speaker-**Joan Fretz, Director of Fine and Performing Arts. Ms. Fretz gave a detailed explanation of the AIE budget. She prepared handouts which showed each program slated for this year. Ms. Fretz explained that due to budgetary cuts, AIE has been largely funded by the PTA. She announced that the summer arts program, formerly known as Oompah, is now on the district website.

**Unit Reports-** Reports of current events at each school are submitted by the council delegates and are on file with the Council Secretary.

### **District Reports-**

BOE- Costs of administration and transportation were presented at the last meeting.

We have paid off a debt service that has reduced our debt by one million dollars.

This years' budget should not require any loss of programs or staff.

Mr. Polansky has been making presentations at all unit PTA meetings to explain this years' budget.

STEM school meeting flyers have been mailed.

Booster Club- March Madness was well attended this year. Flyers have been sent out for this years summer camps.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM. The next council meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:45 in the heritage museum at HHS.