

- Attendees
  - Anita Hamzy, President
  - Kristin Pelz, Co-President
  - Becky Zappone, Treasurer
  - Mr. Hults, Principal
  - Karen Kulesa, BOE Liaison
  - Lori Dorso
  - Lauren Tiscia
  - Alison Kulesa, Student
  - Jacob Tellier, Student
  
- Treasurer's Report
  - PayPal account setup and 2 donations received; 1 from Mrs. Radke. Becky sent acknowledgement thank you letter
  - Mixed Bags fundraiser gross sales \$3,578, net profit \$1,669.40, excellent!
  - CT PTA dues paid \$385, membership fees collect \$646
  
- Michael Desroches of "Brand Inspiration" has been busy creating various communications/documents, including for Olive Oil/Vinegar fundraiser
  - Becky introduced him to Alison Kulesa, Senior Class President, and she has been sharing information on various social media platforms, and will continue to do so
  - Would like to see us get donations solicitation letter out right after January meeting
    - Becky will work with him between now and then so we can have letter ready for review and discussion at January meeting. He is willing to attend meeting
    - He strongly suggests 3 levels of sponsorship- silver/gold/platinum. We need to determine amounts for each level and what kind of recognition donors will get
    - Becky will review last year's donations and list of businesses that were solicited
  
- Students will help communicate PTSA efforts to students
  - Anita communicated it is the goal of PTSA to have all seniors attend the After Grad Party at no charge and we would like to see all seniors as PTSA members. \$8 is a small price to pay to be able to attend the After Grad Party at no charge
  - They will attempt to get all seniors to join PTSA at their upcoming (before Christmas break) senior class meeting. Becky will send in blank membership forms for them to distribute at meeting. Mr. Hults suggested they inform seniors that PTSA gives a scholarship and to be eligible, must be a member
  - As mentioned above, Alison will share PTSA information on various social media platforms

- Senior class fundraiser, movie night, December 15th. They will put “cash can” out for donations
- Senior t-shirts sold for pep rally and senior class is donating profits to PTSA. Amount to be determined
- Will be selling spirit wear after New Year and will also reach out to parents directly, in addition to students
- Paint Night, tomorrow, December 7
  - Lori Dorso worked with Mrs. Ritchie. 30 participants attending at \$30 each. Will have light refreshments and a few raffle items. Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Will also have “cash can” for donations
  - Mrs. Ritchie is charging \$4 per person for supplies and donating her time
- Olive Oil/Vinegar
  - Information has gone out to parents via email from Mr. Hults, email from Brand Inspiration via GetResponse (for all in PTSA email database), and postings on Facebook. Paper flyers were given to school secretary to have all homeroom teachers distribute to all students
  - Barbie Doyle sold at vendor fair at Thomaston hair salon, sold \$546 worth, profit, after table rental and raffle, was \$182
- Round Up at IGA
  - Becky has been trying (via email to corporate office, stopping in Terryville store, phone calls) to get a commitment and has not yet. Was told to call store manager on Thursday, 12/7, and he will let us know what is required to apply/get approved
- 50/50 at home basketball games
  - Kristin and Becky approached Booster Club asking if PTSA could do 50/50 raffles at senior night basketball games
  - Discussion at 12/4 Booster Club meeting and vote to allow PTSA to do 50/50 raffles at as many home basketball games as we would like, with the exception of Thomaston and Lewis Mills games
  - We will monitor attendance and determine which games seem most beneficial to hold 50/50 raffles
- Crabby AI's
  - Becky has been in contact with Michele Mulvehill regarding fundraiser dinner at Crabby AI's (her dad is one of the owners)
  - Discussed dates of 2/24 or 2/10
  - Becky will ask her to get a date reserved then we'll talk about details at next meeting

- Spring Extravaganza
  - Becky will check with Mr. Perkins to see if date has been moved to April 6
  - Alison and Jacob said the class is excited about the event and they expect there will be good participation
  - Mr. Hults would like to see it more of a senior “competition” and not gender specific (i.e. Mr. THS)
  
- Comedian
  - Kristin contacted Dave Reilly. He gave her some available dates. The Lyceum is not available for most dates that comedian is. Kristin will contact him again for additional availability and we will try to make decision at January meeting
  - Lyceum rental rates
    - Full hall rental \$125/hour based on 4-5 hour time frame
    - Kitchen would be an additional \$75
    - Stage 8’ X 12’ also an additional \$75
    - Tables will be set up, we would have access earlier for decorating
    - Available dates:
      - April 7th, 21st and 28th
      - May 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th
      - Still waiting return call for March availability as well as seating capacity
        - Thomaston’s comedy night is 3/24
  - Comedian offers 2 different pricing structures-
    - \$1,800; or
    - Split ticket sales 50/50 if \$1,800 in ticket sales won’t be reached
    - Must sell tickets for at least \$25. He won’t perform if tickets are sold for less
    - Kristin will ask if we have to decide up front, or if we can wait and see how ticket sales are going
  - We would also have silent auction/raffles. This would require significant efforts from the group to obtain donations
  - Discussion that we would hope to sell at least 100 tickets, at either \$25 or \$30 each
  - If comedian doesn’t work out, we may consider other options- hypnotist, etc. and possibly consider holding at the school to keep costs down
  
- Other fundraising ideas
  - Wolf Pack game. Rep has contacted Anita asking if we are interested. Becky will check with Mr. Hart of the middle school to see if they will be performing again. If so, consider doing same game
  - Yard Goats game. Becky contacted and has spring schedule. Asked Alison and Jacob if they think students would attend and they said yes. Asked if we should

look at a Saturday or Sunday game and they suggested Sunday. We concluded on May 6th. Becky will contact Yard Goats for additional information

- Kristin talked with Julie Kozikowski, who owns a travel/tour company, about possibility of bus trip. Julie mentioned casino bus trips don't turn a big profit for organizations. But Boston/NYC trips could, especially if a show was part of trip. Julie would be able to purchase tickets at group rates. Bus rentals are less expensive in February and March. Can discuss further at future meetings if it appears we need to raise more money
- NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)
  - Mr. Hults spoke regarding THS's upcoming NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation and needs parent support
    - Fall of 2019 will be accreditation year and there are a number of things that need to be done prior to
    - The Endicott Study is a survey that will be taking place within the next two weeks as one of the first tasks of the accreditation. Students, staff, and parents are required to participate
    - Parent participation of 25% is required
    - Mr. Hults will be communicating with parents and asked for our support in helping spread the word and encouraging parents to complete the survey
- Class dues
  - Becky asked about class dues. Mr. Hults said each class has some flexibility of the amount to charge, not to exceed \$125
  - The senior class dues had been \$160, but have been reduced to \$125. The senior class officers will be communicating with students reminding them that dues must be paid in order to participate in various senior year activities
  - It was suggested that the senior class officers also communicate directly with parents

Next Meeting 1/3/2018 at 6:30 THS Main office conference room