

Colts Neck High School PTSO

(Parent-Teacher-Student Organization)

President- Kelly Gill

1st Vice-President of Events- MaryBeth Tomaro

2nd Vice-President – Randi Gugig

Secretary- Lisa Tringali

Treasurer- Dana Lewis

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Minutes of the CNHS PTSO Meeting October 13, 2009

Meeting called at order at 7:07pm.

- Kelly had everyone introduce themselves.
- Attendees: see sign in sheet attached.

Administration – Mr. Land

- He wanted to give the parents a heads up on an emergency lockdown drill that will take place on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. Colts Neck High School administration will be working with the Colts Neck Police Department, Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team in a coordinated effort to simulate an actual emergency situation requiring a building-wide lockdown because of a grant they received from Homeland Security. This involved taking 360-degree images of every part of the building. They will have a command post which will be able to access the images to guide emergency personnel thru the building. There will be a letter going home to parents and a message posed on the website to inform them of this drill on October 19 and October 20. The drill will happen between classes after homeroom and before 1st period. There will be three intruders with guns – there will be no gun fire!! The school will go into lockdown mode for about 1 ½ hours. The A Wing will only be affected during this drill. The rest of the school will be in the gym and auditorium. There will be signs posted on Monmouth Road to let the community know. It is also a ½ day that day. The students will only be released to law enforcement!
- Last month there was a trial “Activity Period” during school to allow clubs that normally meet after school to meet during school in hopes of getting more student participation. This will enable students who have afterschool activities such as sports or band to join other clubs that they may be interested in. There is a little time shaved off each period to get one hour for this activity period to occur. The administration would like to try this once a month. There were over 500 students to attended club meetings. Students who did not participate in the club meetings were shown a video presentation – Video Pep Rally -- in their homerooms of different things going on at the school. (Football games, etc)
- Ms. Boszko – the teach rep – thought it was a great success and hopes more students will join clubs this year. The clubs will still meet other times after school during the year.
- Violence awareness issues will be the next video presentation this month as it is Violence Awareness month in October.
- The video presentations will also be available on the website.

- There will be a 2 hour delayed opening on October 28 for In Service for the teachers.

Secretary's Report – Charlease Hatchett

- September 8th minutes approved – 1st Mary Beth; 2nd Dana Lewis.
- Blood Drive made \$169.00. Thanks to all volunteers. December is the next Blood Drive.
- Georgette brought up that it would be a good idea to let the blood bank know they need to send nurses experienced with kids. Some kids had a really hard time with bruising and were turned off to donating. Charlease noted that.
- There will be two changes for the December Drive – 1) to allow seniors to donate earlier in the day so that they are not driving right after donating, and 2) to end the drive by 2:00pm.
- CN ranks 3rd in the county and only had three drives last year.

President's Report – Kelly Gill

- Kelly announced that Charlease would be moving to Texas on November 13th. She as well as the board wished her luck!
- Kelly announced the appointment of Lisa Tringali to be the PTSO Secretary and Randi Gugig to be 2nd Vice-President in charge of the school store and apparel.
- Kelly proposed taping meetings to help with the minutes and also the auditors. Everyone was in agreement. Charlease requested that the Committee heads email their reports ahead of time to her for recording purposes.

Apparel Report – Kelly Gill

- The order went in last week. They hope to process and deliver by the end of the month. When the order comes in they will need volunteers to fill the orders. There will be an email to go out to the people who signed up to help with apparel. They will also sell at the School Store on selected days.
- Ms. Bosko asked if there was going to be an apparel order for teachers – Crew neck shirts in particular. The board will consider it.

Treasurer's Report – Dana Lewis

- Explained Income Statement. She proposed to put a portion (only the General Amount) of the monies into an interest bearing account. It was suggested that there be a savings account linked to the checking account. Georgette suggested that Dana speak to the auditor. It was motioned by the ROTC committee head and approved.
- It was brought up that at Back to School Night or any other function the students are not permitted to sell 50/50's.
- Snack Sales are going well, and she thanked all of those who volunteered.
- Membership is up to 323 families and 84 teachers.

Teacher Representative – Megan Boszko – Equipment Manager for Building

- Goal of getting 100% membership of the teachers. She was given a list of current members and she will send an email to those who did not sign up as of yet.
- She would really like to know about teacher apparel.

Committee Chairperson(s) Reports:

ROTC Parents Club -- Cathy Rinaldi

- Membership drive is still going on. $\frac{3}{4}$ are paid up.
- Going to Annapolis on Oct 24
- The group who did Orienteering, which is where the students are given a map and a compass, exercise – came in 2nd place out of 18 schools that participated. They will be involved in another one on Dec 12.
- On 11/21 there will be the first drill team meet in Union, NJ. This will be a competition in armed and unarmed drills.
- Operation Red is trying to sell what inventory they have (T-shirts, etc)
- They are in the process of sending a large package to Afghanistan.

Music Boosters – Theresa Puglisi

- They were involved in a $\frac{1}{2}$ Marathon held at Sandy Hook where they supplied the water.
- Their clothing drive was very successful – they received 3,000 lbs of clothes.
- Their Cabaret night was a huge success and they were very happy freshman joined in.
- Coming up:
- Marching Band Festival featuring all 6 of the FRHSD Bands at Manalapan High School on Wed, Oct 14th at 6pm. Admission is free.
- Music Boosters will be selling breakfast before and after PSAT's Saturday, Oct 17th.
- Music Boosters will have our Middle School Invitational at the football game Saturday, Oct 17th with students from Colts Neck, Marlboro and Howell Middle Schools.
- Music Boosters will be selling breakfast before school on Wed, Oct 21st
- Spooktacular Parade on Oct 25th in Freehold Boro at 1pm featuring 5 of the 6 FRHSD bands in costume.
- Colts Neck Community Band Concert on Oct 29th at CNHS Auditorium. Music Boosters will be selling baked goods and refreshments at the event.
- Marching Cougars perform at the Conover Road Halloween Parade on Oct 30th.
- Senior Recognition for Band Members at the Oct 31st football game, which is also Homecoming.

PAPA – No Representative

Student Representatives: Lindsay Tomaro – Senior

- The seniors are busy filling out College applications at this time.
- Homecoming is Saturday, Oct 31st at the football game
- October 28th is the Homecoming Dance – It will be a Costume Ball with everyone wearing “school appropriate” costumes. All grades are welcome. The King and Queen will be announced that night.
- Drama club will be hosting a Haunted House at the school at 7:00pm on 10/30/09.
- They are thinking about moving The Battle of the Classes to later in the year.

Student Representatives: Alyssa Cappelleri and Gianna Tringali – Sophomores

- Student Council – Class T Shirts will be sold. They just decided on a design.

- They are looking at January 29th as a Semi-Formal for freshman and sophomores. This is between Homecoming and the Prom.
- They are thinking about having a Chinese Auction in March as well as a bake sale.
- They are thinking about having a Valentine's Day flower sale.

New Business

- It was suggested that the names of the student reps be put on the website. Also, letters will go out for any who received community service hours for helping out the PTSO.
- It was suggested that next September the PTSO in conjunction with the Guidance department set up a college guidance session for parents in dealing with college applications. And also having the teachers trained in the Naviance program to help with recommendations for the students.
- Project Graduation – there is a \$500.00 deposit required for the June 24th event. We have to guarantee them 250 minimum students at \$56.00 per student. This will cost approx \$14,000.00

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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