

HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL PTO MINUTES
January 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Carol Yost at 9:05 A.M. Nine members were in attendance: Cindy Kriska, Bonnie Schneider, Brenda Powell, Charles Grimes, Carol Yost, Toula Kalatzis Spirtos, Anne Schwan, Sharon Wolny, and Kathy Alred. The minutes from the December meeting were read and approved. Bonnie Schneider reported a balance of \$1024.04.

OLD BUSINESS

A total of \$244 was made at the Max and Erma's fundraiser for Post Prom. A total of \$300 was made at the bake sale at Sam's Club for Post Prom.

The holiday canned food drive at the high school brought in 9000 cans of food which were donated to the Sharon Food Bank. The sophomore class won the competition. Added Attraction donated about 1200 cans.

NEW BUSINESS

FAFSA-Prep Meeting—Thursday, January 12
Black Box Theater production (March-April)—Jekyll & Hyde
Musical (April)—High Society
Post Prom Meeting—January 9
Mid Terms—January 17, 18, 19
MLK Day—January 16 (no school)
Teacher Inservice Day—January 20 (no school)

HIGHLAND FOUNDATION

Gayle Prebis can be contacted for an order form for the Highland stained glass window being sold for \$35. Five new grants were approved. Ed Marquette received \$1000 for a piano accompanist to rehearse and be with students at Solo & Ensemble. All 3 elementary schools received books, a workshop for parents of children with reading problems. A guest author will be at the Middle School. Granger Elementary will have a guest artist working on mosaic benches. ANYONE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON ANY OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES SHOULD CONTACT ANNE SCHWAN.

OPEN FORUM

Sharon Wolny passed around a sign-up sheet for the next teacher dinner on Conference Night, March 8 (Wednesday).

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A computerized message board by the entrance would cost approximately \$20,000. The present sign is constructed to be illuminated. An electrical Connection is being investigated. The issue of some kind of lighting by the Road near the entrance s being looked at.

SENIOR LOCK-IN is scheduled for February 25 from 11 P.M.-7 A.M. If students have signed up for the Lock-in but have not reported by 11:30, parents will be contacted. Admission will be a snack to share. Chaperones will be needed for 2-3 hour shifts. A variety of activites will be available in

the gyms, auditorium, cafeteria.

EXAMS—Students will stay all day.

SNOW BALL—February 4. Both gyms will be used.

NEW CLASSES—The Board approved several new courses to be offered During the 2006-2007 school year: Forensics II, Advanced Chemistry, TV & Video Production II, AP Computer Science. Some courses will be renamed.

SPRING FLING is scheduled for March 18. The dress will be casual, and Admission will be free.

MYSPACE.COM—Parents should be aware that our students are posting information on this website. The information and photos are sometimes very personal. Since this is a public site, anyone can access this information.

PROM will be on May 27 at Todaro's in the Valley. Coventry High School will also be having their prom there that night. A student exchange beforehand has been proposed to develop good will among the students who will be sharing certain areas during the evening.

NEWSLETTERS—The question of whether to discontinue newsletters at All the schools is being studied. The cost for just one mailing averages \$350. All newsletter information could be made available online.

ENROLLMENT at the high school is now 953. It is anticipated that it will be over 1000 next year.

COLLEGE FAIR WILL BE AT University of Akron on February 21. Members of the junior class will attend.

STRATEGIC PLANNING ACTION TEAMS will meet on January 26.

BANNERS in the gym will be purchased. Highland's records are being researched. The banners will be listed as Conference Champs. The cost is approximately \$500 each. A 4x6 banner of the Alma Mater is \$350.

NEXT PTO MEETING—February 13

MEETING ADJOURNED—9:48

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED—Cindy Kriska