

Meeting opened @ 7:32 p.m. in the KHS Library.

Introductions were made by each of the attendees.

Administrator's Report presented by Dr. Merckling:

- Dr. Merckling thanked the HSA for supporting him over the last 7-8 years.
- Freshman Parent Orientation and Senior Parent Night were well attended and went well.
- Walking thru the cafeterias during lunch, it seems like the students are doing well with the start of the new school year.
- Back to School Night is tomorrow night at 7:00 in the auditorium. Report to Block A at 7:30 and the evening will end at 9:05pm,
- 35% of the Class of 2012 earned college credits while still in high school.
- Student Planners were distributed during Physical Ed and Health classes.
- Adjustments are being made to the brightness of the new electronic sign. It was funded by the HSA, Class of 2012 and 5 student clubs.
- KHS was recently notified that 52 students were named Advance Placement Scholars by the college Board. Eight of these students were named prestigious National Advanced Placement Scholars. During the spring testing, 143 students completed 332 examinations and 87% scored 3 or above to qualify for possible college credit.
- Congratulations to two KHS students who were selected for the All-National Mixed Chorus which represents the top performing high school choral musicians in the United States. In October, the chorus will perform under Rollo Dilworth (Temple U.) in Nashville, TN.
- Two students who were selected for the 2014 ACDA Eastern Division Honor Choirs, will be performing in Baltimore, MD in February, 2014.
- Coach Kevin White was notified that he was selected as the NJ 2012-2013 Coach of the Year in Football for the National Federation of High Schools Association award.
- Paula Williams talked about the need for larger visitor bleachers. Dr. Merckling will make a note and possibly add it to a Wish List.

Secretary's Report from the May, 2013 meeting was reviewed by Mary Anne Gorman:

A motion to accept the report was made by Paula Williams, seconded by Carol Wiedemann.

Treasurer's Report presented by the former Treasurer, Alicia de Torres:

- There is \$31,615 in the account.
- The profit for the Fashion Show 2012 was \$18,000+.
- The profit from the Carnival 2013 was \$20,000.
- \$10,000 was disbursed for the Admin Wish List 2012. Half of this amount funded the new electronic sign.
- \$5,300 was disbursed for grants requested by the Student clubs/activities.
- \$10,000 was disbursed for the HSA scholarships.
- The account information is being handed over to our new Treasurer, Elaine Hamill.

Student Directory presented by Alicia de Torres on behalf of her and Katy Schrope:

- Advertising space is still available for the Student Directory pages.
- Please ask the companies and businesses that you patronize to consider advertising in the Directory.

Membership Dues update presented by Paula Williams and Carol Weidemann:

- Dues need to be paid by October 1 to secure a Student Directory and for seniors to be eligible for a HSA Scholarship.
- 190 families have paid dues.
- So far, 25 extra Student Directories have been paid for.

Bake Sale updated presented by Bernadine Ferrari:

- There will be a Bake Sale at KHS's Back to School Night tomorrow night.
- You can bake, buy or donate money.
- Seniors will be working the tables since the profits will go to Project Graduation.
- In the past, snacks and refreshments were purchased and offered for parents by the HSA but so much went to waste.

Path Mark promotion presented by Alicia de Torres:

- The HSA will profit 1% from the sale of purchases logged into the Path Mark Perks Award program.
- The contract for the Program needs to be signed. Alicia is looking for someone to take over from this point.
- Parents were asked to give their Award account number when they completed their Parent Volunteer Form. Someone needs to input these account nos.

Project Graduation Update presented by Bernadine Ferrari on behalf of her, Karen Park and Linda Graupe:

- The \$75 registration fee for HSA members is due by Jan. 1. If you are not an HSA member, the fee is \$85. After that date the fee is \$100.
- As always, underclassman parents are needed to chaperone Project Graduation.

Fashion Show update presented by Dina Sweeney and Barbara Burns:

- The Fashion Show is taking place on Wed., Nov. 20 in the KHS Auditorium.
- Donations are still being accepted and are currently more than expected for this time.
- Some changes were made to the raffle and it will be ready for mailing next month. The 1st place prize is a \$500 American Express gift card, the 2nd place prize is a mini-iPad and the 3rd place prize is as \$150 Target gift card.
- The goal is to have all the food donated so parents will not be asked to bring anything.
- The food area may be moved to a different location so it does not conflict with the baskets. More bistro tables than last year will be set up by the food.
- A volunteer is needed to manage the Program booklet.
- A possible fundraiser during the Fashion Show is selling photos taken that night of the models. They would be ready for sale that night.

Carnival Update presented by Juan Faisca on behalf of him and Beth Polick:

- The Carnival is taking place May 15-17, 2014.

Scholarship Committee presented by Charlene Polomski:

- In the past, HSA has organized a practice PSAT, SAT and ACT testing days at KHS. The tests were proctored and graded as the actual tests. The \$10 per student fee was profit for the HSA. Kaplan supplied the testing and offered tutoring after the test results sent to the student.
- A different testing company, Catalyst, has presented their product. They run a 2-day testing boot camp. It takes place 1 or 2 weeks before the official testing dates. Saturday and Sunday from 9-1:00. It would take place at KHS. The cost is \$165 for the weekend. The HSA profit is \$25 per student.
- Every section of the test is reviewed. It explains the percentage of what types of grammar will be on the test and helps the student *not* to fall victim to the SAT tricks. It is possible to raise your score by 150 points.
- It teaches the student how to write a great essay, stating that there are only 4 types of essays.
- There is not minimum amount of students but they would like at least 20.
- As a gauge of this testing style, Charlene would like to have a senior that has already taken the SAT and has a need to improve by 100-150 points. The senior would take the Catalyst boot camp and then take the SAT again to track their scoring.
- It is possible that we could use both testing companies to accommodate everyone's prep testing needs. Charlene will talk to Mrs. Charles in Guidance.

President's Report by Kristen DeLeo:

- The Sophomore Class is running a fundraiser by selling mums. The orders are due by Sept. 27 with pick up on Oct. 5. Order forms are on the website.

The next HSA meeting is on Tues., Oct. 8 @ 7:30 in the KHS Library. Student clubs/activities will present requests for HSA grants.

Meeting ended at 8:40pm with a motion from Juan Faisca and seconded by Laurie Johnson.

Attendees: Dr. Merckling, Kristen DeLeo, Elaine Hamill, Laurie Johnson, Mary Anne Gorman, Alicia de Torres, Eva Gardow, Charlene Polomski, Denise Hatch, Carol Wiedemann, Paula Williams, Carolyn Kelly
 Juan C. Faisca, Patti Morris, Cindy Akin, Joan Molee, Dina Sweeney, Barbara Burns, Natalie Koutsokamins, Bernadine Ferrari, Liz Merritt