

**Royal Oak High School PTSA**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

Present at the meeting were: Terri Kuznia, Diana Barrer, Teri Shaffer, Samantha Phillips, Paul Kubicek, Zoe D. Harris, Candi Drouillard, Jonah Kubicek, Jody Costello, Courtney Utwan, Marty Cardamone, Pamela Lemme, Alyce Howarth, Elliot Widd, John Decker, Cherie Thomas, Susan Hedge, Gabrielle Bratic, Brad Foucher, Mike Giromini, Michelle O'Neill, Lisa Liu, Judi Rosas, Kerry Derminer, Allie Ingalls, Julie Lyons Bricker, Sandy Topping, Cindy Murphy, Maryanne VanHaitsma.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by President Maryanne VanHaitsma. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**President's Report** (Maryanne VanHaitsma):

- Host a forum as a follow-up to the PTA/PTSA resolution?
- Need a legislative committee chairperson for ROHS PTSA.
- RO PTA Council is using MemberHub. ROHS PTSA is moving toward using it next year.
- ROHS PTSA's social media needs to be aligned with the state and national PTAs guidelines.
- Benefit of PTA membership: Email updates from National PTA and Michigan PTA.
- Michigan PTA requires at minimum name, zip code and a unique email address for membership.
- Michigan PTA is 100 years old this year. Kerry Derminer attended the event at Lovett Hall at The Henry Ford. Dr. Herman Gray, pediatrician, was honored, as well as Dr. M. LaTasha, the Flint doctor who reported the lead problem in drinking water. Kathleen Strauss of the Michigan Board of Education was also honored. The superintendent of Detroit Public Schools was the keynote speaker.

**Secretary's Report** (Cindy Murphy): Minutes from the March 2018 meeting were presented. *Motion by Lisa Liu to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Terri Kuznia. Motion passed.*

**Treasurer's Report** (Pamela Lemme): See attached report. Note that RO PTA Council "dues" are \$700--\$500 for scholarship, \$180 for Council dues, and \$20 for RO Chamber of Commerce membership.

**Principal's Report** (Michael Giromini):

- There will be an emergency drill with Beaumont and RO emergency services tomorrow at ROHS.
- No late start at ROHS on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Make-up day for state testing. ROHS students will be dismissed early at 2PM instead.
- Diversity Club is sponsoring "Break the Silence" week to highlight LGBT rights. The movie night on Tuesday is sold out. Restaurant Night at Pronto on Wednesday, with 20% of sales going to PFLAG. Friday is "Day of Silence/Night of Noise" in the ROHS Kimball Auditorium from 5-7PM with speakers, music, etc.
- Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> is the Drama Club's One Act Cabaret at 6PM in the ROHS Kimball Auditorium.
- Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Spring Band Concert.
- Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Spring Orchestra Concert.
- ROX Concerts are Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior Finals are Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> (4-6<sup>th</sup> hours) and Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> hours). Seniors will then be treated to lunch, final instructions, then senior walk through the building. Seniors dismissed about 2PM.
- Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is Convocation at the ROMS Dondero Auditorium at 7PM. By invitation.
- Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> is Prom from 6-11PM at Shenandoah Country Club. Tickets required.
- Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> is Commencement at 7PM at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights. No tickets required.

- Bond work is underway.
- Senior activity webpage needs to be updated. Will work with Lynne Staszak to get this done.

**Teacher/Student Council Report** (John Decker): Student Council elections for 2018-2019 are tomorrow. Senior Class of 2019 officer elections have already occurred.

**Board Liaison Report** (Marty Cardamone):

- Bond work continuing. Athletic complex/field house/concession stands is happening this summer. New roof/ceiling in pool area.
- Michigan 2018-2019 school budget proposals are all about the same in the House/Senate/Governor. RO will be getting at-risk funding this coming year. Budget should be approved in May.
- Oakland Schools School Finance Research Collaborative (have website): Study about adequate funding for schools; looking at using criteria as funding factors. The state of Massachusetts uses this model. It will be a long process to make any changes to the school funding formula.
- Three school board meetings in May:
  - May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Facilities/Finance, building program
  - May 10<sup>th</sup> – Finance meeting as well as Board Meeting
  - May 24<sup>th</sup> – Finance and Board meetings
  - June meetings will be 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month

**Committee Reports**

- **Academic Honors** (Terri Kuznia): Working on the program over the summer. Diana Barrer and Holly Togweiller taking over from Terri.
- **Craft Show** (Terri Kuznia): 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit made. 71 of 161 spots have already been sold. Looking for new chairs/volunteers to shadow at the Fall 2018 show to take over in 2019.
- **Exam Snacks** (Judi Rosas): Will have three areas to sell again. Need about 12 volunteers/day.
- **Senior All Night Party (SANP)** (Cherie Thomas and Sandy Topping): Buy your student's ticket! Signup for donations due May 4<sup>th</sup>; also a signup for volunteer chaperones. There will be another lunch time ticket sale in May. Student hardship scholarships for the SANP are available.
- **RO PTA Council Scholarships** (Maryanne VanHaitsma): 32 applications were submitted this year. Committee currently evaluating the applications.
- **Staff Appreciation** (Zoe D. Harris): Staff Appreciation Day will be May 9<sup>th</sup>. Have about 100 staff members in the building. Breakfast will be in the Media Center at 7PM. Lunch in the MMR during all three lunch periods. Donations/volunteers needed; SignUpGenius published soon. Looking for donations of \$5 gift cards.

**Old Business:**

- **Bylaw change:** Current bylaw: Article VII: Officers and Their Election. Section 3.a. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, three (3) vice president(s), a secretary, a treasurer, one (1) historian, and two (2) members-at-large.
  - Proposed change: Article VII: Officers and Their Election. Section 3.a. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, three (3) vice president(s), a secretary, a treasurer, one (1) historian, ~~and~~ two (2) members-at-large, **and a student representative.**
  - *Motion by Cindy Murphy to accept the bylaw change as presented; seconded by Terri Kuznia. Motion passed.*

- **Slate:** (Nominating Committee: Terri Kuznia, Susan Hedge, Teri Shaffer): Proposed slate of officers for the 2018-2019 school year:
  - President – Maryanne VanHaitsma
  - First Vice President – Terri Kuznia
  - Second Vice President – Susan Hedge
  - Third Vice President – Zoe D. Harris
  - Secretary – Teri Shaffer
  - Treasurer – Julie Lyons Bricker
  - Historian – Marnie Pinho
  - Members-at-Large – Diana Barrer, Kerry Derminer, and Judi Rosas
  - *Elections will be by a ballot vote. Bylaws only allow for two members-at-large. Discussion. Nominating committee will tally ballots and check for membership. Nineteen valid ballots, making 10 the majority. Members elected, with Kerry Derminer and Judi Rosas as the two elected members-at-large.*

**New Business:**

- Request from Acorn (student magazine) for the PTA to place an ad in the final edition. *Motion by Cindy Murphy to purchase a full page ad for \$80 in the Acorn as a congratulations to the Class of 2018; seconded by Lisa Liu. Motion passed.*
- (Gabrielle Bratic): Discontent with lack of support from ROHS PTSA president at April 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting in support of student march resolution passed at the March ROHS PTSA meeting.
- (Mary Beth Fitzpatrick): ROHS PTSA resolution was sent to all school board members and the superintendent. Cannot be acted upon immediately at a board meeting. Need a board member to submit a resolution, which is then studied for the next meeting. Working with student groups; what comes next? Need student input.
- Students Demand Action Oakland-Macomb Branch has just formed.
- Senate Bills 584 & 586 look at addressing school violence.
- “Thank you” to all “retiring” Executive Board members: Pamela Lemme, Diana Barrer, Cindy Murphy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.

Minutes submitted by Cynthia M. Murphy, ROHS PTSA Secretary