

**PTHS PTSA**  
**MEETING MINUTES - April 14, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE - 15**

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Mary Pat DeRienzo at 9:19 AM

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MARY PAT DERIENZO**

- Kelly Trupiano presented the slate of PTHS officers for the 2016-2017 school year, they were voted on and approved. Congratulations to:
  - For Office of President: Mary Pat DeRienzo
  - For Office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Tina Beinhauer
  - For Office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Cindy Chapman
  - For Office of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Serena King
  - For Office of Secretary: Kathy LaBellarte
  - For Office of Treasurer: Beth Quinn
  - For Office of Assistant Treasurer: Tracey Melograne
- Mary Pat congratulated the new board and thanked the nominating committee.
- PTSA Scholarships (\$500 Service Scholarship and a \$2,500 Pride Scholarship) can be split. Remind kids to spread the word. Deadline to apply is at the end of the month.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - MR. LESNETT AND MRS. RAGLAND**

- Mr. Lesnett spoke about upcoming celebrations on the agenda and the calendar to the end of academic year.
- Keystone Testing will be last week of May. The test will be in Algebra, Biology and Literature. Keystone make-ups are June 1st through June 6th.
- Senior Final Exams will be on June 6th and 7th. Make-up days are June 8th and 9th.
- AP Testing is May 2nd through May 13th.
- May 20th senior grades are due for graduation honors.
- May 21st is the senior Saturday graduation practice at 8am-2pm.
- May 27th is the Mock Crash Assembly. We do this every two years. Held in parking lot. No student drivers that day. Sponsored by SADD. Permission slips will go out. Juniors and seniors will be outside at crash site. Not open to the public. Story unfolds via morning announcements. Ex-drug addicts from Narcotics Anonymous will speak.
- May 30th is Memorial Day/No School.
- Junior/Senior Prom is June 2nd.
- Senior Awards Night is June 7th.
- Commencement is June 10th at the PTHS Stadium at 7pm.
- Last day of school is June 23rd.
- Mr. Ryan Perrotte spoke about the Tarzan musical. He said it was the best musical in 18 years. The musical theatre class wants to give the student body an anti-drug message. It will address the issue on stage and in a production. They want it to impact the high school students lives. Mr. Ryan Perrotte also spoke about Rowdy Rhythm, PTHS's a cappella group. The Almanac did a story on them. Students worked with Dayton, Ohio camp a cappella. We started a new a cappella class called Acapella Adrenaline. June 6th is biggest concert with 31 seniors. Mr. Perrotte has excitement for the program. Rowdy Rhythm has their own Facebook page. They have gone to Carnegie Hall in NYC. We always want to raise the bar.
- Judy Alexander spoke about the Interact Club's Family Bingo Night that raised money for wounded veterans to attend sports related camps. Goal was to raise \$1,000 with matching funds from the McMurray Rotary Club. The funds are enough to send two families to camp this year. Judy Alexander also spoke about the annual Walk for Autism to be held at the PTHS stadium. If it rains, it will be held in the gym. There will be games, food, fellowship, and more. Proceeds benefit the local autism society and the PT autism support classroom. Lastly, Ms. Alexander also spoke about the national food festival called Diversity Celebration. A large group of students will put together approximately seven booths with homemade food, music, art, and more. Food fair compliments the chorus concert. Come early to get something to eat.
- Mrs. Ragland spoke about the senior Saturday practice graduation lunch planned. It will be upscale. There will be early access to pick up year books and get them signed. Video yearbook will be viewed. Afternoon will have mini sessions. Topics include basic housekeeping, finances, and more. Students select which session they want to attend.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – MR. LESNETT AND MRS. RAGLAND (CONTINUED)**

Mrs. Ragland also spoke about the Media Department participating in the DMAC (Digital Media Arts Consortium) competition. They won nine overall awards this year. In another award competition, Isabel (Izzy) Chopra, a PTHS junior, was named Amelia Earhart Award Winner by the Zonta Club of Washington County. Izzy has an outstanding community service record. Lastly, Mrs. Ragland spoke about NMSI. In June, there will be small focus groups. The students will talk through their experience. This will give feedback for planning for next year. The amount of students taking the new AP courses for next year is up-lifting.

**GUIDANCE REPORT – HEATHER WAWRZENIAK**

-1,062 exams ordered. Last year there were 800 and some.  
-AP potential letters sent out to tenth and eleventh graders based on PSAT scores.  
-In May, testing 400 AP exams. Every student has to go through pre-administration.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT – KATHY LABELLARTE**

-Minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – TRACEY MELOGRANE**

-Gave out copy of financial statement. Normal minimal activity for the month.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT - CINDY CHAPMAN**

-Cindy unable to attend; report given by Mary Pat DeRienzo. Prom tickets are \$100 per ticket on sale first week of May during lunch periods. Prom is June 2nd at Heinz Field.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – MICHELLE JONES**

-Michelle unable to attend; nothing to report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – SERENA KING**

-Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

-None

**NEW BUSINESS**

-None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:41 AM**

Minutes Submitted by: Kathy LaBellarte  
Kathy LaBellarte, Secretary