**PHS PTO Meeting Minutes**

Monday, January 9, 2023

6:00 PM – PHS Media Center

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Christine Koobatian, Jen Nikolich, Colleen Brower, Dr. Paul Jones, Michelle Goncalo, Trista DiDonato, Julie Cappuzzo, Harley Jablonski, Michelle Hankamp, Alison Sokol
2. **President’s Report: Christine Koobatian ([ckbtn@charter.net](mailto:ckbtn@charter.net))**
   1. See note below regarding the monument sign.
3. **Vice President’s Report: Trista DiDonato ([trista\_didonato@yahoo.com](mailto:trista_didonato@yahoo.com))**
   1. N/A
4. **Treasurer’s Report: Jen Nikolich ([jjnikolich@aol.com](mailto:jjnikolich@aol.com)) / John Baldelli ([jb@baldellicpa.com](mailto:jb@baldellicpa.com))**
   1. See financials.
   2. Direct Donation total = $11, 571
   3. Amazon Smile donation = $24.52
   4. **AmazonSmile**:
      1. It is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization (the PTO encourages you to select Pomperaug High School PTO, Inc.) every time you shop, at no cost to you.
      2. AmazonSmile is available at **[www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)**  on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.
      3. When you shop AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice (please select Pomperaug High School PTO, Inc.)
      4. Directions on how to use Amazon Smile:
         1. Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
         2. In the “Start by picking your charity” box, type in Pomperaug High School PTO, Inc. and click on “search”.
         3. On the next page, select Pomperaug High School PTO, Inc
         4. On the next page, check the box that says “Yes, I understand that I must always start at **smile.amazon.com** to support Pomperaug High School PTO Inc.”
         5. Start shopping!
5. **Recording Secretary’s Report: Colleen Brower ([col52668@aol.com](mailto:col52668@aol.com))**
   1. N/A
6. **Teacher’s Report: Jodie Maciolek**
   1. No news to report
7. **Principal’s Report: Dr. Paul Jones ([pjones@region15.org](mailto:pjones@region15.org))**
   1. Midterms begin next Thursday
   2. Course registration will begin in February. Information will be sent to both PHS and middle school parents.
   3. Student council is brainstorming student events a variety of school wide events.
   4. No date yet for graduation
   5. Surveys on athletic coaches from both parents and athletes yielded valuable feedback.
   6. PHS school accountability score report shows favorable scores.
8. **Committee Reports:** 
   1. Hospitality: Julie Cappuzzo ([juliecappuzzo@yahoo.com](mailto:juliecappuzzo@yahoo.com))/Shana Hampton ([shannakhampton@gmail.com](mailto:shannakhampton@gmail.com))
      1. Cookie Exchange and gift card scavenger hunt Dec 19th was well received! Thank you! Your support is always appreciated!
      2. Valentines Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Teacher Appreciation week, Teacher Luncheon on the docket for upcoming events.
   2. Fall Fundraiser: Direct Donation: Colleen Brower $11,571
      1. The vast majority of funds raised through the Direct Donation fundraiser pay for the Teacher Grants, which benefit all students at PHS.
9. **New Business:**
   1. Monument sign (LED sign at the entrance of PHS): Maureen Nee took the lead to collect information. Providing this sign fits in with our mission to improve school spirit and communication.
   2. It will cost between $25,000: The PTO will need to fund raise for this. Brendan Merritt took the lead on the possible fundraising options.
   3. Christine Koobatian provided information for Southbury’s Planning and Zoning committee (which will meet this Wednesday). Awaiting feedback from them.
   4. Legacy brick idea: John Baldelli took the lead. We’ll be charged about $20 per brick and then we can sell them for whatever amount we want to make money. They come in a variety of sizes, each costing a different amount.

Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Brower

**Dates to Remember:**

1/9/2023 PHS PTO meeting, 7PM PHS Media Center

1/11: Jazz, Band & Chamber Concert, 7PM PHS Auditorium

1/16: MLK Day, No School

2/6: PHS PTO meeting, 7PM PHS Media Center

2/17: No school

2/20-21: No school

**Next meeting is Monday, February 6 at 7pm**