

GPAA PTSO MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2025 7:00 Gia Prima Black Box Theater

Officers in attendance: Leanna Shuberda, Pres; Diana HammelVP; Pamela East,Sec; and Natalia Roth,Treas.

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Leanna Shuberda followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Shuberda welcomed the attendees and thanked everyone for coming. Motion accepted to start the meeting Shannon Hubert and Tierney Meeker

***GPAA Update-** Tierney Meeker

- Welcomed all parents and students
- Final Exams 1/27/25 and 1/28/25 (Both half days)
- 1/29/25 Last day of Fall Semester
- 1/30/25 1st Day of Spring Semester
- OCVTS GPAA is #3 in Science in the county .Congrats!
- Almost Maine is 1/14/25 - Tickets on sale now
- 21% up on applications for GPAA for the 2025/2026 school year.
- 1/20/25 - NO School in observance of Dr. MLK, Jr. Day
- Received an \$8,000 console from a Grant for the Audio Recording Studio
- 2/6/25- Open House for Audio Recording Studio for Share Time Juniors/Seniors
- 2/7/25- SEMI- FORMAL -Anti-Valentines theme
- 2/14/25 & 2/17/25 NO SCHOOL but there will be tech rehearsal at the Strand Theatre those days for SpongeBob the Musical.
- 3/20/25 & 3/21/25- Black Box Players present “The Descendants.”
- 3/3/15-OCVTS’ Foundation’s Chef’s Night Out includes restaurant tastings and gift auction RWJ Barnabas Center, Toms River.
- 3/6/25- “Great Gatsby Trip” (Juniors and Seniors) - Lunch at Satrdust Diner and Master Class.
- 1/10/25- Thespian Showcase has been CANCELLED

***Spongebob the Musical Update-** Mrs. Little

*Spongebob Shows -

2/20/25- Mermaid Man Cast 10 am (school show) and Barnacle Boy Cast

at 7PM (Strand Theatre).

2/21/25- Mermaid Man 7PM

2/22/25- Barnacle Boy 2pm and Mermaid Man at 7PM

- Thanked PTSO who gets involved with providing food plans for Tech Week, etc. and introduced “The Krusty Team” - the production team.
- Asked for donations in building the Bikini Bottom Set such as pool inflatables, empty plastic water bottles, party decorations, Solo Cups (any color), cardboard tubes, egg cartons, magazines, etc.
- Ads and Boosters for the Playbill are due 1/13/2025
- “Almost Maine” - 1/10/24 - Tickets are on sale.

Senior directed showcase , Sophomore Actors. Writer of “Almost Maine” will be in attendance and will be doing a Q & A after the show. He will be the acting major guest artist Wednesday and Thursday. He also previously did a 90 minute zoom meeting with them.

President’s Report- Leanna Shuberda

- Introduction
- “Cheddar Up” going out soon in email and on PTSO FB & Instagram pages for :
 - Spongebob Show T-shirts
 - Spongebob Tumblers (will be handed out 1st day of tech week)
 - Spongebob Ornaments(Deadline to order for all items above is January 21st by midnight)
- SIGN UP Genius will be going out soon in email and on PTSO FB & Instagram pages for :
 - Food service Volunteers for Spongebob Tech Week at Strand in Lakewood.
 - Snack/Beverage donations are needed for Spongebob Tech Week.
 - Volunteers to sell 50/50s , prize basket raffle tickets, and Kiss the Cast.
- Teachers were VERY APPRECIATIVE of all the items for the “GIVING TREE.”

- Senior Scholarships opportunities will be emailed in the Spring.

Vice President's Report- Diana Hammel

- Showed and explained what the Spongebob Tumblers will look like . A 2012 former PAA vocal major student, Kaitlyn Bigott designed them.
- Encouraged everyone to follow PTSO on social media and provided PTSO email address.
- Candy donations and volunteers are needed for Kiss the Cast

Secretary's Report - Pamela East

- Showcases for the incredibly talented dancers and actors were a success.
- The 2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair was also a success which included Santa, food, and beautiful crafts from the vendors and students.
- Thespian Showcase cancelled 1/10/25
- Thespian Festival - 1/18/25 & 1/19/25 at Washington TWP High School.

Treasurer's Report- Natalia Roth

- Account balance: 23,689.36
- PTSO Membership for 24/25 is now closed. 25/26 Membership will open in August.

Committee Reports

*Apparel Sale-Brianna Roach & Christen Paluszek

- Spring Apparel Sale will be posted Mid- February
- Spongebob Ornaments, tumblers , and t-shirts need to be ordered by midnight January 21st. All Spongebob items will be delivered together.

* Senior Coordinator- Shannon Hubert

-Need volunteers for Senior Class of "25th"Day of each month
(Sign up genius was emailed)

Reviewed important dates on tonight's PTSO agenda

1/20, 2/14, & 2/17- NO SCHOOL

1/27 & 1/28- Half Days (Final Exams)

SPONGEBOB TECH WEEK at STRAND in Lakewood- 2/14 15, 17,18 &19
(Food Service will be offered each day)

2/20-2/22 Spongebob the Musical at the Strand

There being no further business at 8:00 PM a motion was made by Andy Harnett to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Shannon Hubert .

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