

## **2014-2015 WSHS PTSA Meeting Minutes September 14, 2015**

### **Board members and staff in attendance:**

Cindy King, PTSA President  
Louise Oliver, 2nd Vice President/ Spartan Fest Basket Auction  
Janis Ours, Treasurer/ ANGP  
Denise Rogers, Secretary  
Michael Mukai, WSHS Principal  
Amy Falcon, Above & Beyond/Communications/Twitter  
Barb Lazirko-Watters, ANGP/ Web Coordinator  
Molly Gray, Beautification-Grounds/ 9th grade liaison  
Chris Kroeger, Bylaws-Legislation/ (and after meeting: Spartan Booster Liaison)  
Sharon Steele, Hospitality  
Stacy Cheshire, Membership  
Maryann Zegeer, Giant A plus Rewards/ Mini-Grants/ Spartan Fest  
Pam Schulz, Newsletter  
Eric Schulz, Newsletter/ (and after meeting: Spartan Booster Liaison)  
Erin Murphy, PTSA Meeting Hospitality  
Robin Lermo, Safety & Health  
Elissa Zadrozny, Scholarship for Success  
Kevin Deliee, Teacher Liaison/ WSHS teacher  
Malikah Smith, Volunteer Coordinator  
Andy Muir, Director Student Activities/WSHS staff  
Aleida Goetchius, WSHS Parent Liaison/ WSHS staff

### **Students in attendance:**

Brittany Branch, Lauren Budreau, Cassidy Cantrell, Carly Cashman, Alana Donaldson, Yuri Echoe, Joe Gumph, Atoosa Haghani, Cara Kim, Andrew Krysinski, Sara Laprea, Taylor Larson, Cassidi Mathapha, Jackie Mendez, Chandler Mobley, Jonathan Montgomery, Celeste Morris, Shahd Nuri, Eugene Park, Jonathan Pavia, Natalie Pham, Jessica Phan, Colleen Rewing, Emma Sharman, Sophie Shidlovsky, Tom Susa, Ella Tran, Leah Trizna, Sidney Walker

### **Parents in attendance:**

Mearen Bethea, Anita Branch, Janet Cameron, Austea Donaldson, Debra Donati-Smith, Wendy Halsey, Corey Koneczny, Lori Nelson, Robert Ours, Natalie Presnell, Kateena Rodigum, Sharon Steele

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm

### **President's Report: Cindy King**

Cindy attended budget meeting over the weekend: shared information, presented video overview of operating and construction budgets. .Board of Supervisors have told us to talk to State Supervisors- VA is 41st in funding for education. There are issues we can tackle locally with our numbers.

### **Treasurer's Report: Janis Ours**

Janis highlighted some of the individual WSHS PTSA budget figures including funds brought forward: \$1455.00, recent income from Amazon of \$115.41 and expenses: such as our insurance \$343.00 and Pay Pal fee that have been payed out. She distributed a complete budget form for our review.

### **Principal's Remarks: Michael Mukai**

Mr. Mukai discussed the new start time for school and the challenges with juggling Accotink Academy busses and our own busses arriving simultaneously. Plans for solution in place to adjust their arrival time. Morning busses will shift to picking students up a little earlier, busses have been arriving late. Shifts of 5-20 mins will be necessary. Changes will take effect this Thursday. Calls to students will go out regarding bus time changes.

Mr. Mukai commented on a number of our WSHS activities (that are or have been underway) including Golf Season (almost done), Volleyball, Football, Orchestra attending VMEA soon, Band has been practicing for 2 months already.

Back to School night Wednesday. Video at 6:30pm. Parking will be a challenge/ suggests parents carpool. Teachers will have seen students 3 times by then.

Students get/give feedback from/to teachers about what you're LEARNED. Homework should not just be checking a box, see if this is getting better. Let teachers know what helps you— you know what you are learning.

"Race to Nowhere" movie will be shown this year.

Senior parking spots available this week. Parking spaces will be used until January at least. After this week, if not claimed, extra spots will be available for Juniors. Students have been charged \$100 for parking spot for the first semester. (WSHS does not get the \$ from the fee.) IF parking is available for a second semester, an additional \$100 will be charged. We'll have to wait and see if there will be second semester parking, construction may prevent that.

### **Reports of the Standing Committees**

#### **Membership: Stacy Cheshire**

Stacy reported that we have 531 members so far (attendees spoke up waving checks for 5 additional memberships). We are already above last year, but have set a goal of 2,100 memberships. (This would be approximately one per family of each student attending) Incentive: County and State student scholarships for members are available.

#### **Spartan Fest: Maryann Zegeer & Louise Oliver**

Maryann reported that Spartan Fest (Saturday October 24) is a fun fall festival. Clubs and classes have booths to fundraise. The PTSA coordinates an arts and crafts fair and a silent auction (in the Aux gym and hallway) to fund our teacher Mini Grant program. 46 vendors are registered and paid to date (goal of 60). 90 booths to visit / refreshments. Our PTSA website provides details [wshsptsa.net](http://wshsptsa.net)- Vendors and Crafters will be listed. Silent Auction donations welcome, contact via e-mail listed on our PTSA website. Vendor booths available/ BYO table, \$60 single space/ \$105 double space. There will be a sign up genius for volunteers.

#### **ANGP: Barb Waters & Janis Ours**

The ANGP will be June 17 at Lee District Park. Contracts are signed, volunteers worked Jiffy Lube Live. Made 6 to \$7,000 so far. Tickets \$75 until December 1st. Discount cards available for \$10 each. Fundraisers at Panera, Chipotle etc. KIT messages will announce & on PTSA web site. Yard Signs \$20. Donations welcome too

**Hospitality: Sharon Steele**

In addition to our holiday teacher & staff luncheon and our Spring teacher appreciation luncheon we will be serving boxed meals at Back to School Night, 150 meals will be available \$5 Chick-Fil-A

**Volunteer Coordinator: Malikah Smith**

Forms are being collected and will be passed along to chair people

**Twitter: Amy Falcon**

Twitter has 37 followers (so far) follow at WSHSPTSA -for updates

**Communications: Amy Falcon**

Messages sent in (to [amyhanlein@gmail.com](mailto:amyhanlein@gmail.com)) by noon on Wednesday (can be included to) go out in the Friday KIT (Keep in Touch) message

**Web Coordinator: Barb Lazirko-Watters**

Our web site: WSHSPTSA.net

Send info. for our Website to Barb, Barb will pass along to web coder (Jennifer Wokeck, a 2013 WSHS grad).

**Newsletter: Eric Schulz and Pam Schulz**

Newsletter will piggyback along website, electronic newsletter will be received by members. (Discussion ensued regarding subject matter to avoid redundancy.)

**Safety & Health: Robin Lermo**

Clinic supplies on hand taken care of (PTSA funds water bottles, crackers, juice boxes) Screening(s) will be announced, volunteers will be needed

**Giant A Plus Rewards: Maryann Zegeer liaison**

(Each time you shop at Giant using your BONUSCARD, our school earns CASH.

All you need to do is go online to register your preferred school- and you can even select up to two schools to divide your A+ rewards evenly!)

Last year only 195 cards were registered for WSHS- and the school earned \$5,000 !!!

Let's increase the number of cards registered. We have 2,100 students.

Look for computers at BTS night and Spartan Fest where you can register, or go on-line at home to register your card <http://giantfood.com/aplus/register-card/>

(Follow the prompts, choose West Springfield High School)

**Additional Discussion:**

Encourage people to shop through our Amazon link

A percentage of the proceeds from your [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) orders will be donated to the WSHS PTSA if you go to [WSHSPTSA.net](http://WSHSPTSA.net) and access [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) via the banner.

Purchases made through the link directly impact the PTSA by increasing our funds

**Beautification/ Grounds: Molly Gray**

This year look for “smaller special interest projects”.

If shrubs/flowers to be saved they will need to be transplanted before Mar/April when construction expected to begin (exterior/grounds). Plants can be relocated to library courtyard or possibly Japanese Garden.

(There will be a separate “Clean up School Day” this fall led by Andy Muir & on X2vols)

**Above and Beyond: Amy Falcon**

Monthly nominations needed. A & B awards honor WSHS community members (teachers, students, staff, volunteers) who go Above and Beyond (click link) on our web site WSHSPTSA.net

**Spartan Boosters: Maryann Zegeer**

A lot of good things done for the school, meet 2nd Monday Principal’s conference room.

Rep for each sports baseball/ lacrosse

Spirit wear sales at Spartan Spree phenomenal, sold many items out

Look for Spirit Wear for sale before football games and at Spartan Fest

Will have more “Camo” t-shirts re: Oct 23rd football game

Citrus Sale Fall thru November

Scholarship program/ essays (review/selection/blind) volunteers for review team

**Additional Discussion:**

**Bond referendum negotiations/** if construction bids can be lowered, maybe feasible to purchase additional 1 acre (3 lots)/ adjacent property for sale (on market for 6 years) \$800,000 (WSHS small property w/ large population)

**Students asked:** Can Spirit Wear be available in vending machines?  
Will time between classes be extended to accommodate switching classes/ trailers?

**Andy Muir (D.S.A) remarks:**

Losing practice field w/ construction “learning cottages”/Spring tennis off site at rec center/ 2 teams to S. Run perhaps for offsite practice 3 years: trailers/ construction site

**Teacher Liaison: Kevin Deliee**

BTS night upcoming/ looking forward to the year

Has shared w/ teachers Hospitality’s (Chick Fil A) dinner option for BTS night

**Bylaws: Chris Kroeger**

Our bylaws are renewed every 5 years. Looking over the bylaws, committee to review them in a few months . Proposed legislation- VA PTA due Oct 23rd. Cast vote, look for ballots at next meeting (or Survey Monkey outreach suggested by attendee).

**Mini Grants: Maryann Zegeer**

PTSA Spartan Fest earnings fund Mini-Grants: awarded to WSHS teachers who have great ideas to improve education. Applications available. Deadline around teacher workday. Paper or electronic application available.

**Scholarship for Success: Elissa Zadrozny**

We currently offer (2) scholarships at \$250.00 each, for individuals holding an IEP.

Deadline for submission of completed applications May 20th.

Fairfax County (1) scholarship \$1,000/ deadline March 1st

ALSO: State Citizenship Project (2) and Educ. Career VA \$1,200  
data base career center/ listings

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

The next meeting will take place on October 5th in Spartan Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Rogers

Recording Secretary

with revisions included 10/04/15