

2014-2015 WSHS PTSA Meeting Minutes October 5, 2015

Board members and staff in attendance:

Cindy King, PTSA President
Tom Ayres, PTSA 1st Vice 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)
Maryann Zegeer, Giant A plus Rewards/ Mini-Grants/ Spartan Fest
Stacy Cheshire, Membership
Jennifer Stepetic, Membership
Sue Lackey, Mini Grants
Eric Schulz, Newsletter/ (and after meeting: Spartan Booster Liaison)
Erin Murphy, PTSA Meeting Hospitality
Robin Lermo, Safety & Health
Elissa Zadrozny, Scholarship for Success
Andy Muir, Director Student Activities/WSHS staff

Students in attendance:

Lynet Alemayehu, Darryl Anthony, Rhoda Azeze, Lauren Ball, Kiera Bothwell, Jordan Boyd, Colin Farauhar, Katie Frost, Hunter Franklin, T. J. Gleason, Alex Green, Annamarie Jones, Emily Keast, Alex Kent, Lindsey Kim, Vince McElhinny, Rami Nabhan, Amma Owusu, Kelly Park, Matthew Pinho, Caleb Plott, Melissa Yeboah, Alyssa Wenklar,

Parents in attendance:

Anita Branch, Sylvia Bustamante, Jane Ignacio, Shawna Kirkman, Anne McEvoy, Robert Ours, Melissa Riney

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

Counselor's remarks: Austin Hamill

Request from WSHS Counselor Austin Hamill to send Peer Mediation students to the November 12, 2015 leadership "Peace" summit at George Mason. She is asking the PTSA to fund the \$15 registration fee for 24 students and 2 faculty chaperones. Total cost \$390. One of our former students will be presenting at this conference. Conference will provide valuable information which will in turn help our student body.

President's Report: Cindy King

Cindy summarized that last month we presented the FCPS budget film, Budget tool 2017 link explains that FCPS is looking for ways to cut the 2017 FCPS budget by \$50-75 million. The link lists a variety of options for cutting the budget, including offering 6 vs. 7 classes, going to trimesters, funding for sports. At bottom of listing, go to WHAT TO SAVE. It's important that we give our officials feedback. Schools have not been brought up at several meetings. Contact candidates, contact board of supervisors.

President's Report: Cindy King (cont'd)

WSHS PTSA needing Newsletter Chair

Calendar items:

10/13 Meet the Candidates/ chair of Board of Supervisors and At-Large School Board
Candidates (at James Madison High School)

10/19 Special Education meeting (Fairfax County Council of PTA's)

10/26 Diversity Forum (Fairfax County Council of PTA's)

Treasurer's Report: Janis Ours

Janis highlighted some of the individual WSHS PTSA budget figures including membership and donations \$6,318.00. Incoming misc. funds reported from Amazon and Chick-Fil-A (meals sold at Back-to-School night).

She distributed a complete budget form for our review.

Janis presented the operating budget for the year for vote/ approval

Approval of Budget:

Jennifer Stepetic made a motion to accept budget as presented

Tom Ayres seconded the motion, motion approved

Approval of Minutes:

Tom Ayres made a motion to accept the September 2015 minutes as written

Barb Watters seconded the motion, motion accepted

Principal's remarks: Michael Mukai

Mr. Mukai met with the leadership classes and groups from each class grade

It's been a great several weeks

Breaks should be breaks

Dr. Garza looking into trimester system

Teacher planning day 10/9

PTSA's following Wednesday/ Senior college writing workshops

Movies: Race to Nowhere and Beyond Measure

maybe admission \$15 ea*

***Additional Discussion:**

Ellisa Zadrozny remarked:admission to (above) movie(s) could be allocated as scholarship fundraiser

Tell (Mr. Mukai) if troubled areas, come to see him, he has an open door, for class groups or individuals, or lunch together

Student remarks: Alyssa Wenklar, tutor after school

PTSA paid for her to attend conference, she learned a lot and is ready to pass along the beneficial information to improve the writing center, support ESOL students increase efficiency & turn out

Reports of the Standing Committees

Membership: Stacy Cheshire

Stacy reported that we have 640 PTSA members, (34 of our 148 teachers have joined). Discussion ensued about reaching teachers for membership.
(This year at holiday luncheon, drawing/gifts will be for PTSA members)

Spartan Fest: Maryann Zegeer & Louise Oliver

Maryann reported that Spartan Fest (Saturday October 24, 10am-3pm) She has 54 vendors/crafters to date. Flyers distributed at Burke and Occoquan. VA State Troopers- Distracted driver trailer. She's been working with Casey Grubbs and Louise Oliver. Go to link for Volunteer sign up. Student volunteer help needed to unload wares Friday night and Saturday during the event. Silent Auction items include: Trader Joe's, Starbucks, Meet the Press, Chef Jeff's invite. Yard signs, banner and paper signs will help with advertising.

ANGP: Barb Waters & Janis Ours

The ANGP will be June 17 at Lee District Park.
48 tickets sold so far. 21 earned free through Jiffy Lube Live volunteering.
Fundraisers Weds 10/7 at Austin Grill, Bake sale w/ Sign Up Genius link 10/17
(remark made by mtg. attendee to reach out to culinary classes for baked goods)
WSHS Student Directories available/ order them on-line (\$5)
Spartan discount cards available (\$10)
ANGP meeting 10/19
committee volunteers needed

Safety & Health: Robin Lermo

Quiet for now, Clinic supplies have been delivered.

Giant A Plus Rewards: Maryann Zegeer liaison

209 cards so far registered to WSHS. Registration open thru Jan 21st
(Each time you shop at Giant using your BONUSCARD between Oct 9th and Mar 31st, our school earns CASH. Friends and family are welcome to register their cards
<http://giantfood.com/aplus/register-card/> (Follow the prompts, choose West Springfield High School). Mr. Mukai responded to inquiry about where funds are spent: school functions/ needs.

Mini Grants: Sue Lackey

(PTSA Spartan Fest earnings fund Mini-Grants: awarded to WSHS teachers who have great ideas to improve education). Soft copy (of application) went off for proof reading. Paper or electronic applications available for Friday 10/09 teacher work day through November 3rd work day. Disbursement of funds/ merits of each of grants. Receipts due April 1st.

New Business: Stacy Cheshire

Stacy asked that the PTSA support WSHS Orchestra by contributing \$1,000 toward a required trip. WSHS Orchestra (32 students) honored to be invited to perform in Norfolk VA at the Virginia Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference (VMEA). We are the only Fairfax County Orchestra invite to this event.

Cost for the trip will be around \$5,000

(They are performing early on Friday morning so they will be spending the night in Norfolk on Thursday to insure professional quality programs for the event.)

Discussion ensued/ Decision made to table the issue and vote electronically.

Decision made to vote electronically for Austin Hamill's Peer Mediation request.

Bylaws: Chris Kroeger

The VA PTSA has requested input on two bond issues/ Proposed legislation

Chris read the bond issues aloud and encouraged members to look for an upcoming KIT message with ULR for Survey Monkey

voting will be: yes/no/abstain

Votes needed by October 20th

School bond Committee members need volunteers (students or adults) to advocate for bonds on election day

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

The next meeting will take place on November 9th in Spartan Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Rogers

Recording Secretary