

2015-2016 WSHS PTSA Meeting Minutes January 4, 2016

Board members and staff who signed in*

Cindy King, PTSA President
Louise Oliver, 2nd Vice President/ Spartan Fest Silent Auction
Janis Ours, Treasurer/ ANGP
Denise Rogers, Secretary
Michael Mukai, WSHS Principal
Jim Carley, Baccalaureate/ Sidewalk Advocate
Amy Falcon, Above & Beyond/Communications/Twitter
Barb Lazirko-Watters, ANGP/ Web Coordinator
Chris Kroeger, Bylaws-Legislation/ (and after meeting: Spartan Booster Liaison)
Stacy Cheshire, Membership
Robin Lermo, Safety & Health
Elissa Zadrozny, Scholarship for Success
Pam Zich, Fairfax County Council (FCCPTA) Special Education Liaison

Students in attendance approximately 25 (?) *

Parents who signed in*

Anita Branch, Robert Ours

***Note: Due to an oversight, the “Sign in List” for attendance was not passed around Spartan Hall- it only made it part way around the room, so list of attendees is incomplete!**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

President’s Report: Cindy King

Kit message will include the details regarding:

SAT & ACT PRACTICE TESTS: January 30th, 2016, 9:30am (in the Cafeteria)
The WSHS PTSA is offering practice SAT & ACT in the new formats. Cost: \$10 each.
(100% of the proceeds go to the PTSA.) 10-14 days following the test, a detailed score report highlighting personal strengths and weaknesses will be emailed to you. Register on-line: <http://kaplan.formstack.com/forms/wshs>

It’s time we establish our Nominating Committee (to establish 2016-2017 Executive Board slate)

3 PTSA members needed. Look for a blast for volunteers

Let Cindy King know if you are staying in your current position

Teacher of the Year coming up soon

Cindy needs help/ guidelines regarding what this entails

Cindy has 2011 notes passed along to her, but nothing recent

Barb Watters commented that she has application from 2015 and will pass it to Cindy

The WSHS student Directory will be coming back to the PTSA

(instead of being sold as a fundraiser for ANGP as it has been recently)

Roughly 150-200 copies are printed now. We need to consider whether to raise dues or use the directory as an incentive to join membership/ join and get a directory.

Treasurer's Report: Janis Ours

Janis highlighted some of the individual WSHS PTSA monthly report figures, including:

Mini Grant \$200.00

SAT prep classes \$440.00

Movie Night income \$116.00

Pay Pal Expense of \$5.18

Balance = \$5,953.13

She distributed a complete, detailed budget form for our review.

Principal's Remarks: Michael Mukai

Unusual break- warm weather

Track holding outside practice

Orchestra performed at The White House (Friday before break)

Sports teams- in full swing

Basketball over break

Wrestling doing well, Senior Night Weds, come out to support the team

on Twitter @wspringspartans hats given out today

Snow reports will be on Twitter (as well as the other usual means of communication)

El Nino = lots of snow or zero snow...(we'll see!)

If we have 5 inclement weather days, school may start before Labor Day

Budget- FCPS Superintendent Garza to hold press event Thursday @ W. Potomac

to introduce her planned 2017 budget

Good to be informed

Good to see choices

Students: Speak up, you have bigger impact than you may realize

e-mail, write, fight for things you believe in

Mr. Herrity (Springfield District Supervisor) is a WSHS alum- especially likes to hear from students

Woodbridge Senior High School recently had threat on twitter...

this was reported as "WSHS" in some news coverage— was not West

Springfield High School- police handled the threat—not our school

Principal lunches with students will continue, Juniors and Seniors upcoming

Reports of the Standing Committees:**Membership: Stacy Cheshire**

We have 679 PTSA members

Students: Ask teachers if they have joined the PTSA

Your joining offers you the opportunity to apply to several scholarships

Membership form is available on line

ANGP: Barb Waters & Janis Ours

Tickets are \$85 now
the ANGP event will be bigger and better
2 upcoming fundraisers:
Jan 11th Wood Ranch Grill
Jan 20th Bertucci's (need an on line form)
SAT boot camp- end of February
Chairperson needed for ANGP cleanup -contact Barb
Junior parents to shadow (it takes 1 1/2 yrs to plan)
Suggestion: Add tab to senior page for buying ANGP tickets
In May price will be \$100 per ticket

Hospitality: (Sharon Steele not present) Cindy King

Holiday hospitality event huge success
Food excellent
Way too much food/ attendance down
90 Gift cards (of varying values) were donated. Thanks to all who contributed!!

Bylaws: Chris Kroeger

Current template used
US + VA + FCCPTA
to keep in good standing change/update every 5 years
Committee of 3 needed to look over them, review, ratify

Sidewalk Advocate: Jim Carley

Jim briefed us on a safety issue that will be aggravated by parking limits (when construction forces all of our students to park off campus).
The pedestrian crossing light at Tuttle and Rolling is typically not used by pedestrians because there is no sidewalk opposite the school.
Students walk down Rolling (toward the police station) and run across 6 lanes (Dangerous/ kids stuck in median/ traffic on both sides...)
Last Fall: Pat Herrity (Springfield District Supervisor) and Dave Albo (VA State Delegate) were both contacted -
The sidewalk was funded in a bond referendum 2014
Planning phase has been "accelerated"
The Fairfax County project is now in "survey phase"-
but it is projected to take a couple of years!
Our WSHS parking will be removed sometime in the future- just a matter of when-
30 days notice will be given- at which time many more students will be walking across Rolling Road.
(Jim continuing to push to accelerate the completion of the sidewalk...)

Denise Rogers commented:

When/ if appropriate perhaps we could reach out to a WJLA news reporter to feature issue in news...to bring attention to our concern.

Fairfax County Council (FCCPTA) Special Education Liaison: Pam Zich

Pam came to explain the role of the Special Education Procedural Support Liaison or PSL. The PSL is available to decipher any paperwork or answer any questions that teachers and/or parents and/or students may have as they navigate the FCPS SE system. A list of PSL's in the county and/or in our pyramid can be accessed through FCCPTA.

Scholarship for Success: Elissa Zadrozny

Scholarships for PTSA members are available through the State and County.

Deadlines: early March for these scholarships \$1,000 and \$1,500

WSHS PTSA currently offers (2) scholarships at \$250.00 each, for individuals holding an IEP. (Although these are currently valued at \$250 each, incoming funds will be applied, so value of these scholarships may increase.)

Deadline for these: in May before Memorial Day (Deadline for submission of completed applications May 20th.)

3 volunteers will be needed to read/ review applications at the end of May

Comment made:

We have \$500 available in misc. because WSHS Orchestra expense to participate at the VMEA Conference was filled as a Mini-Grant

Ellisa inquired:

Will we be showing the second movie "Beyond Measure" in the series "Race to Nowhere"?

Answer: Probably not, because only 28 people attended the first showing of the Documentary Film: "Race to Nowhere".

(It was successful in that we collected a trunk load of food gathered for ECCO...)

Above and Beyond: Amy Falcon

the 10th of February is the second quarter deadline for Above and Beyond nominations

See submission instructions on our web site

Please do not e-mail nominations directly to Amy Falcon

Parents, please do not nominate your own children

Twitter: Amy Falcon

Follow WSHS PTSA on twitter @wshsptsa

Additional Discussion: Cindy King

One last thing- a few board members have not joined the PTSA!

Or possibly a glitch in the system?

Approval of Minutes:

Chris Kroeger made a motion to accept the December 7, 2015 minutes as written

Robin Lermo seconded the motion, motion accepted

Note: After meeting adjourned, a board member brought to our Recording Secretary's attention a sentence (in the Dec 7th approved minutes) that was incomplete due to a typing error. Correction made to minutes:

Sentence was: "Janis reported that we had 667 members at the time of the"

Corrected sentence now: "Janis reported that we had 667 members at the time when the monthly membership dues were due."

Meeting Adjourned:

Cindy King made a motion to adjourn

Denise Rogers seconded the motion, motion accepted 7:41pm

The next meeting will take place on February 1st (at 7pm) in Spartan Hall.

(Note: meeting actually rescheduled for Thursday, February 4th (at 7pm) in Spartan Hall due to scheduling conflicts with all but one executive board member.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Rogers

Recording Secretary