

PTSA Meeting
November 13
6:00pm

Attendance: Larissa Moore, Elizabeth Hayes, Kristen Van Viegen, Amy Burger, Janet Gura, Johnna Matthews, Kathy Kirschner, Joyce Ellis, Patti Hamler, Karenmarie Bryant, Lauren Repnyek, Beverly Leathers, Alison Olwell

Call to Order: Larissa Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Principal's report: Patti Hamler

- Thanks to everyone who came out for parent night and to PTSA members who helped
- Successful lockdown drill today
- New counselor and new band director will start next Monday
- Teacher from heritage to come teach ESL
- Exams begin January 11 – 16 make-ups will be on January 17. Going backward by period. More info to come.
- ESPN & Club Unify have won their competition and ESPN will be here on December 17. There will be a pep rally for special needs students, athletes, cheerleaders at 10:30 in the gym. PTSA may need to provide breakfast for dignitaries.
- During the annual school audit, it was discovered that the school is not allowed to pay for the fee for the Sam's Club membership. She asked if PTSA could pay the annual fee for the school beginning next year.

Larissa proposed not to have the meeting scheduled for December 10 due to holidays and busy schedules. Next meeting will be January 14. Also, the BAC meeting has been canceled so we do not have to provide food for that.

Approval of Minutes: Larissa Moore for Ryan Strevig

- Elizabeth Hayes moved to accept the General Assembly minutes as written, Amy Berger seconded. Motion carried.
- Lauren Repnyek moved to accept the October minutes as written, Patti Hamler seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: Larissa Moore

- Monthly audits are beginning. The committee is comprised of Kristen Van Viegen, Amy Nguyen, and Maureen Fortin.
- Nominating committee in place. Elizabeth Hayes, Alison Olwell, and Johnna Matthews will serve. We need a fourth non-board member for the committee.
- This year we created a budget category for student assistance and programs with the hopes to help with things like snacks, drinks for students in need. The office needs \$40-50 for snacks for students with medical or other needs. Also we have had a requests from a staff member who has ESL students who tutor after school. She would like snacks for students who are in this program. Approximately 15 snacks per week plus reusable cups for water to use throughout the year.

Spirit nights: Karenmarie Bryant.

- Milton's will be on January 29 from 5:00-9:00pm. If our proceeds are under \$500, we get 10%; over \$500, we get 20%. We can set up a table but we cannot solicit.
- Zaxby's will be on February 28 from 4:30-8:00pm. We will set up table but we cannot solicit.
- Texas Roadhouse will be on March 28 from 4:00 – 10:00pm and we will get 10% of proceeds.
- We want to get dates out in December. Trying to get in touch with Gooney's. Johnna will reach out to John and get back to Karenmarie.

Budget: Alison Olwell

- Went over financial report and expenditures for the month. Highlighted a few expenditures: Senior events – donuts; 163 members paid for as of meeting time; Cougar Challenge total so far is \$4,558.25; Hospitality expenses were \$471.19.

Grants: Larissa Moore for Kris Jasany

- Three grants were received by the October 31 deadline. We granted other half of scrubs for internships at daycares. Student services needed a computer for students or parents to use. American Heart Association is requiring monitor system in CPR dummies by 2019 so that they can get certified so we have been asked to get a new dummy. This will serve students and staff. More grants are coming. November 30 is the next deadline for grant requests.

Hospitality: Lauren Repnyek

- Treats for staff in October. Beta and Key club students donated candy and came after school to make bags and delivered them. Note said 'from all students and parents from WFHS.'
- First early release luncheon November 20 in media center. Sign up genius link is full. Texas Roadhouse is providing baked potatoes, salads, and rolls. NHS is helping with this luncheon.
- Next week we are doing something for bus drivers. Need number. Planning for 30.
- Dessert treat for staff before holidays will be on Tuesday, December 18.

Staff Liaison: Amy Berger

- Teachers have asked about grants and memberships. She sends out monthly staff buzz which includes PTSA section with retail info, grants, upcoming events, meeting info. Newsletter deadline is the 12th of each month.

Membership: Kathy Kirschner

- 174 members: 65 staff 32 students 87 parents

Senior class activities: Larissa Moore for Debbie Price

- The committee did treat bags last week for seniors with report cards. Tickets were in there and if they came to football game they could try for a chance to win Moe's for a year.
- Senior breakfast planned in January.
- Senior shirts are in. Not sure of distribution date.

Scholarships: Joyce Ellis

- Elizabeth and Larissa were very helpful with the scholarship application. Timeline was distributed for review. Scholarship application was distributed for reviewed. It was revamped to be in line with PTSA mission and to look at the whole student rather than just the essay. Board was asked to review the application and we will discuss in January.

Website: Johnna Matthews.

- Forms are now on website
- Will be adding DECA tile fundraiser and spirit night dates.

Fundraising: Larissa Moore for Rebekah Jenks/Lisa Poplawski

- Retail merchants: Lisa is working to get everyone linked. Lowes has not given us a date to try to have a table outside to get more folks to link. They have not sent check because they want to deliver it but no date has been set. Got \$100 bonus from HT.
- Cougar Challenge: We will be doing one more effort for the National Day of giving (Tuesday after Thanksgiving).

Social Media: Larissa Moore for Kimberly Hutchinson.

- She would like to have pictures of events

Newsletter: Larissa Moore for Nicole Wallace

- November 16 is deadline for newsletter. Nicole will send it out on November 20.

Student Achievement: Larissa Moore for Denell Urban

- Currently getting info to send out for students who earned academic letters. Working with Ms. Tucker to come up with a way to recognize the special needs students once a month perhaps with a character trait. Possibly giving them the cup with treats and supplies as a prize.

Other News: Larissa Moore

- SGA is one of the top in the state for Make-a-Wish Santa letters. They want us to spread the word for everyone to write letters.
- DECA is doing senior tiles as a fundraiser and have asked us for help promoting this.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Johnna Matthews