

WAYNE VALLEY PTO MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE: Monica Costanzo, Stephanie Fenske, Valerie McGrath, Teresa Kelly, Gail Rovere, Ken Palczewski, Joseph Butz, Staci Lupo, JoAnn Gittleman, Linda Dubits, Kim Capozzoli, Anne Garske, Mr. Smith, Mr. Martinez

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm.

There was a motion made by Staci Lupo to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the June 7, 2016 meeting. It was seconded by Anne Garske. The minutes were accepted and approved.

President's Report: Monica welcomed everyone to the first PTO meeting of the 2016-2017 school year. She reported the the teacher breakfast went very well. She thanked Stephanie Fenske for coordinating the breakfast. She said, the many volunteers that stepped up helped to make Back to School Night a huge success. She mentioned that spiritwear has been redesigned and a new vendor has been chosen. She stated that planners got off to a slow start and Valerie will elaborate further. The PTO website has been updated to reflect present committee chairpersons: Maureen Machado-Membership, Judy Salmonsens-Nominating Committee, Becky Santaniello-Overall Project Graduation, Anne Garske-Scholarship and Honors Board Representative, Denise Lynch-Varsity Jacket Sales, Doreen Velardi-Board of Ed Liaison, Valerie McGrath-Planners, Gail Rovere-Spiritwear, Maureen Machado-Bricks and Pavers, Joe Butz-Webmaster. Chairperson positions are still open for Mixed Bags, Jersey Mike's, November Food Bank, Beautification, Hospitality, WSPA and Sunshine. Monica announced that this year the Board has decided to include all boosters and club flyers about upcoming events in the PTO weekly newsletter in an effort to keep everyone informed about all of the happenings in and around the school. Please email Monica if you want anything published. The deadline is Fridays at 4:00pm for Sunday's newsletter. Wayne Valley will be participating in the November food bank. PTO dues must be paid by November 30, 2016. Monica is looking forward to a successful year.

Vice-President's Report: Stephanie had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Garske made a motion to accept the 2016-2017 budget and Kim Capozzoli seconded. Anne questioned money leftover from last year. Monica and Valerie explained that flags are being purchased by Mr. Palczewski and \$2000 is carried over.

Recording Secretary's Report: Teresa had nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Gail acknowledged that there have been a few glitches and they will be addressed. Gail received compliments on the PTO newsletter that it was “informative” and “looked great.” All clubs are encouraged to send information so that the Wayne Valley family is represented as a whole.

Principal's Report: Ken welcomed everybody. He thanked the PTO for the welcome back breakfast. He said Back to School Night was a “home run.” He gave some dates to remember:

Sept. 28 – Senior Parent Night

Oct. 3, 4, 10, 12 – School closed

Oct. 11 – Mid-marking period reports. Check OnCourse Connect.

Oct. 15 – FREE PSAT for Sophomores. The SAT had been redesigned and this PSAT will help students to prepare. Sophomores should take advantage of this.

Nov. 8 – School closed

Ken mentioned that the end of the marking period is coming soon. The school year is in full swing and we are off to a good start.

Teacher's Report: Mr. Martinez stated that it was great that the PTO president was at the teacher's breakfast. He said that Ken explained the benefits of the PTO as a program and a lot of teachers signed up, maybe even some new ones. Working together as one family is an integral part of education and communication benefits the school and the kids. Mr. Martinez would like to revisit having an Advisory Board. It would consist of businessmen, family

members and others from the community and would meet 2 times a year. He can be reached at gmartinez@wayneschools.com and he will put some information together to put in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Board of Ed. Liaison – Doreen Velardi was not present.

Jersey Mike Fundraiser – This is scheduled for November 17th. Cards have already been received but still looking for chairperson to distribute. There was discussion about how and when to pass out cards. Some suggestions were: leave in office, pass out to homeroom teachers, Mr. Martinez can take for Seniors, hand out at last home football game, announce over PA system, include in newsletter, give out at lunch time as date draws closer (2 days before).

Membership – Dues are coming in well from both parents and teachers.

Mixed Bag Fundraiser – Kick off is September 30 and ends on October 17. Some catalogs were distributed at Back to School Night and put in teachers mailboxes. Chairperson still needed. There was discussion about a “flat donation” letter and Staci Lupo will get a sample to Monica.

Planners – Valerie McGrath reported that it was a slow start because books were ordered late. She says a lot of have been sold already and she is still selling at lunch and in office. Total raised approximately \$1000 to date.

Pavers/Bricks - This program has been resuscitated and 3 pavers have been sold already this year. Ken will help choosing a vendor.

Overall Project Graduation – Becky was not present.

2017 – Stephanie announced a mandatory meeting for November 2. There will be a Craft Fair on Dec. 11, 10-5. Mr. Martinez mentioned that he saw the WV craft fair advertised at a craft fair in Glen Rock. It was suggested to advertise on the Patch. The Fashion Show will be on March 29, 2017 at the Venetian.

2018 – Anne is getting started. There was some confusion about the dates of the Junior Formal and the spring craft fair. Ken will check on dates. There

needs to be a discussion about the SDA flower sale fundraiser. 2018 Project Graduation is no longer interested. It may go back to the Sophomore class. 2018 needs a second fundraiser.

2019 – Stephanie said that there has been no meetings yet. She needs 2016 information to finalize numbers.

2020 – A Board is needed. Staci showed interest and was told to reach out to Becky for more details.

Spiritwear – Orders are being taken until Oct. 7th. Gail reported that a lot of sizes are sold out. A teacher wanted a cardigan, which is a new choice this year, and she will get it. Gail will put order forms in teacher mailboxes. She was asked if she would sell blankets/spiritwear at football and soccer games. She agreed.

Varsity Jackets – Denise was not present. Monica reported that jackets were on sale Tuesday, Sept. 20 and Thursday, Sept. 22. There will be another sale in January after Fall sports are over.

Webmaster - Joe confirmed that he is adding all the booster and club flyers. Gail thanked Joe for all his help and guidance. Valerie's misspelled name will be corrected.

Old Business – There was \$1000 in excess funds allocated last year to purchase four flags for outside poles. They will be ordered by Mr. P. He showed a picture of what they will look like. They say “Valley Pride.” Anne Garske made a motion to add \$60 from excess funds to the amount to be spent on flags and Eufemia Campagne seconded.

New Business – Stephanie asked if the Seniors get to pick the theme for the fashion show. It was suggested maybe conducting a survey with 3 choices from a Google form which would tabulate the results. Ken could help with that.

Mr. Martinez spoke about a spiritwear experience put together by the Graphic Arts Department a couple of years ago. He suggested doing something similar again. He would like to get the kids engaged and use their creativity. He also mentioned getting the marketing students involved and giving them some real-life

experiences. He suggested letting the Graphic Arts kids work on a design for Spring spiritwear and show off their designs. Monica and Gail showed a great interest in this idea. Also suggested photography classes get involved by making a digital portfolio, as well as, the fashion program. There was discussion about design and marketing competitions and digital displays at 8th grade orientation in January. Many teachers and classes will need to be coordinated for this simple lesson about working together. Gail and Mr. Martinez will work together to come up with a plan of action.

Mr. Zachary Smith stated that getting \$7 together to pay PTO dues was difficult for some teachers. He asked if they gave \$10, could the extra simply be allocated to the PTO. The answer was "yes."

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gail Rovere and seconded by Kim Capozzoli. The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Kelly

Recording Secretary