

## WAYNE VALLEY PTO MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2017

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Monica Costanzo, Stephanie Fenske, Valerie McGrath, Teresa Kelly, Gail Rovere, Joseph Butz, Kim Capozzoli, Anne Garske, Becky Santaniello, Catherine Murphy, Lisa Morse, Ms. Grimbilas, Mr. Martinez

The meeting was called to order at 7:39pm.

There was a motion made by Ann Garske to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting. It was seconded by Becky Santaniello. The minutes were accepted and approved.

**President's Report:** Monica welcomed everyone. She reported that the food bank drive is officially over and we helped 20 WV families with about 40 bags of food going to Ryerson and 25 bags to the council food pantry. Thank you to Mrs. Dispenziere (school nurse), NHS, peer leaders and student council for its success.

She reported from the Athletics Department that the girls swim team are Passaic County Champions, boys swim team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Passaic County Championship and broke 5 county records, girls bowling are repeat county champs, boys winter track are league champs, wrestling team are league champs and girls basketball raised over \$400 for *Go For The Goal*, helping kids with cancer reach their goals.

Freshman orientation took place on January 5<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended. Thank you Gail, Val and Michele Duffy for selling spirit wear.

An email went out to Pam Babich notifying her that WV PTO will again be giving out 11 \$500 scholarships. The criteria remains:

Parent or guardian MUST be a paid PTO member for 4 years of high school.

Student must maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Student cannot be a recipient of any other monetary award from Wayne Scholarship or Honors Board and cannot be receiving any other substantial scholarship.

Student must continue education at a 2 year or 4 year tech school, college or university.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Val stated that most goals were met, if not exceeded. She reported that the PTO working balance is \$9,707.31 and the bank balance is \$11,716.97. Becky made a motion to approve the budget and Cathy seconded.

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

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Gail reminded everyone that the deadline to be included in the Sunday newsletter is the Friday before by 4pm.

**Principal's Report:** Assistant Principal Ms. Grimbilas reported the PARCC schedule for all grades. She reported that our school has been invited to participate in a field test and there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> unit of ELA added to our schedules. Good Friday and the Spring Break vacation days break up the testing schedule. She announced that AP exam registration is now open until March 1<sup>st</sup>. It is \$99. There is a link on the web page and Felicia Miller is the contact person. She told us that 2 banners blew away in a recent storm. They are talking with the company that made them to fix problems with grommets and to get them replaced.

She gave some dates to remember:

Feb. 3 – Second marking period grades are live.

Feb. 9 – Sophomore/Junior parent night, 7-9.

Feb. 17, 20 – No school.

Feb. 23 – Band pops Concert, 7pm.

Mar. 1 – Choral pops concert, 7:30pm.

Mar. 10 – Junior Dance, Bethwood.

Mar. 15 - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Culinary Competition, 5:30, gym.

**Teacher's Report:** Mr. Martinez stated that things are going well. He briefly spoke about an upcoming spirit wear event and will let Gail elaborate.

**Committee Reports:**

**Board of Ed. Liaison** – Doreen Velardi sent in her report. Mayor Vergano swore in new BOE members Mitch Badner, Michael Bubba, Suzanne Pudup and Stacy Scher. Wayne scored a 74 on its HIB Self Assessment report. This shows improvement. Wayne Education Fund donated \$120,000 for many district improvements, such as wireless data service in science labs so students can collect and analyze data. There will be new president and vice president of WEF. For full report of audit of district please see BOE website. All meetings are archived and can be viewed on website.

**Beautification** – Francesca Kishfy not present.

**Hospitality** – Teacher appreciation lunch is coming up. Please consider volunteering.

**Membership** – Maureen Machado not present.

**Planners** – Valerie McGrath reported that there may be pre-sales for next year.

**Pavers/Bricks** - Maureen Machado not present.

**Overall Project Graduation** – Becky reported that things are on schedule and a Freshman Board has been established although they are still in need of a treasurer.

**2017** – Stephanie reported that the craft fair went OK but it ended early because it started to snow. They made around \$5000 but they were hoping for better. They are getting ticket sales going for the fashion show but donations are light. Please consider making a basket donation or at least some items.

**2018** – Anne is researching venues. Their craft fair is set for March 19<sup>th</sup>. They sent out an email asking for parent volunteers and they are still collecting fees.

**2019** – Stephanie reported that a bank account has been set up and commitment letters went out. They are brainstorming ideas for their 2 fundraisers. The topic of flowers at SDA came up. There is no club committed to selling them now.

**2020** – It was announced that Barbara Rigoglioso is the president and they are investigating a spirit wear sale for freshman.

**Spiritwear** – Gail discussed a project she has been working on with Ms. Aimee and the business and fashion students at WV. The kids hit the ground running and already completed student surveys, market testing of logos and designed multiple products. The kids came up with an idea and there was a motion made by Gail to reward the class with the highest level of participation up to 25% of the net profits on orders. This was a unanimous vote with no one opposed. The kids will move forward with what they are working on and may hold a fashion show.

**Sunshine Committee** – Looking for volunteers for teacher appreciation activities.

**Varsity Jackets** – Teresa reported that sales were held for 2 days and 14 orders were taken.

**Webmaster** - Joe and Stephanie will meet to discuss reorganization of the Project Graduation folders.

**WSPA Representative** – Teresa reported that there will be a Transition Fair on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> and a STARS winter Snow Globe Event at WHHS on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> Please check website [www.wayne-spa.wayneschools.com](http://www.wayne-spa.wayneschools.com) for more info.

**Old Business** – Mr. Martinez said trying to sell the leftover planners for \$5 was not successful. Monica reported that the flat donation letter is ready and will be uploaded by month's end.

**New Business** – The next PTO meeting will be March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30. Becky announced that she must resign as Overall Project Graduation Representative and a replacement is needed. She explained that her position is the liaison between the HS and Council and streamlines the communication between them. Valerie McGrath showed interest in the position.

Catherine Murphy asked about where Seniors are able to eat lunch. Ms. Grimbilas answered that they may eat in any cafeteria, the auditorium, a conference room, band room and the media center is available to them after they finish eating lunch.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ann Garske and seconded by Lisa Morse. The meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Kelly

Recording Secretary