

West Aurora PTSO Minutes November 16, 2020

1) Zoom Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Sandy Garcia.

Attendance: Alyssa Dalicandro, Sandy Garcia, Jennifer Hannon, Erica Kegarise, Margaret Patterson, Dalila Sanchez, Tamara Scott, Susie Shire.

2) Approval of Minutes: Oct. 14, 2020 meeting (Margaret Patterson)

- Motion to approve minutes by Susie Shire.
- Seconded by Erica Kegarise.
- Approved unanimously by voice vote.

3) Activities Report (Erica Kegarise)

- 30 Days of gratitude – encouraging students to post on social media what they are grateful for.
- West Fest was two weeks ago – a good camaraderie building event. They did window paintings, they did a food drive, and the drive-through laser light show was a really cool community event. We got a lot of positive feedback from that.
- This is American Education Week – encouraging students to fill out a Google form with some kind words toward a staff member – then I take that information and make little certificates that I put into staff mailboxes. Staff members love to hear from the kids.
- 300 Freshman students have been attending classes at WAHS large spaces since Nov. 2: 150 on Monday and Tuesday, 150 on Wednesday and Thursday: Blue and Red fieldhouses, Veterans field house, lower cafeteria – spread-out desks, with groups of interventionists: deans, counselors, social workers, reading specialists. When teachers have breaks, they stop into the large spaces to introduce and guide students.
- Most clubs continue to meet virtually, but some still meeting in-person.

4) President's Report (Sandy Garcia)

- Looking for ideas on doing something for the staff – in past did the massage-a-teacher event during December finals week but that won't work this year.
- Erica suggested that food and drinks in the staff cafeteria ("pick-me-up bar") would be well received (all teachers are now in the building). A local bank dropped off snacks like that for the staff, which was well received.

- Teacher 'Pick-Me-Up-Bar' in the cafeteria: Possible week of Dec. 14-18, 2020. Suggested for a food event for staff and supplementing with parent donations (via Sign-up Genius – Sara Comfort). Individually wrapped food items and a soda bar. Could do something added for staff members who are PTSO members. There are 300 WAHS teachers.
- Sandy to talk to Sara Comfort about using Sign-up Genius to get folks to volunteer different foods and drink; sign-ups to go out after Thanksgiving. Jennifer Hannon volunteered to do shopping for the event using the WAHS Sam's account (PTSO to reimburse the account). Possible: Sign-up & Drop-off for food items Dec. 1-11 at WAHS.
- Tamara Scott made a motion to budget \$300 for food/drink for the teacher event; motion was seconded by Sandy Garcia and passed on unanimous voice vote. *(If that amount needs to be increased, we can do so via eVote.)*

5) Treasurer / SCRIP Report (Tamara Scott)

- Budget: a few of the board needs to review; then vote at next meeting and/or eVote.
- SCRIP – gift card sales have been down; hopefully those will tick up for the holidays.
- Need an audit of the 2019-2020 PTSO books; need a minimum of three people, two board members and one at-large who should not be signatories on the account (Tamara and Margaret). Audit can be in person or via Zoom. Sandy Garcia volunteered to audit; Pam Childress and Kara Gaffino audited the books last year and could be possible for this year. She will approach them to see if they could audit this year.

6) SCAC (Penny Bantz)

- October's SCAC meeting was canceled due to regional happenings at that time.
- The first SCAC meeting will be Monday, Nov. 23, 2020.

7) Student Representative (Allysa Dalicandro)

- West Fest was the first week in November – the light show was well received, but bingo was cancelled because only two students signed up, and we only received food from a few people (not good participation).

8) Scholarships (Sandy Garcia / Jennifer Hannon)

- Sandy said requests for funds from the district's parent organizations should go out in the next month – go out within the next month, from both Sandy and Jennifer.
- To stay on the same timeline as last year (receiving scholarship applications in February), we need to announce the scholarship and deadlines to students before Christmas break. Sandy will send a note to WAHS Counselor Ryan Gatbunton regarding scholarship application deadlines. Dalila Sanchez offered to help.

9) Spring Fling / Homecoming Parade (Erica Kegarise / Susie Shire)

- Erica hopes, in coordination with football, we can have a spring fling or homecoming parade in March. We'll have to play it by ear – sponsor either a drive-through parade (like that for graduates in May) or a regular parade.
- Still would like a grand marshall for either format – she asked Susie Shire to keep it on her radar

10) Election of 2020-21 Officers

- Erica Kegarise made a motion to approve this year's officers:
 - President: Sandy Garcia
 - Vice President: Jennifer Hannon
 - Treasurer: Tamara Scott
 - Secretary: Margaret Patterson
- Dalilah Sanchez seconded the motion. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

11) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm by Sandy Garcia

Minutes submitted by Margaret Patterson

Next Meeting: **Monday, Dec. 7, 2020 – 6:30 pm Zoom**