

York High School PTSA Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2022

1. Call to Order and Welcome –
In attendance: Jodi Pinkerton, Hilary Simonds, Casey Braun, Stacey Roginski, Lara Stavridis, Katerina Hickey, Beth Concannon, Christine Simonis, Julie Vacko and Michelle Stubblefield.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Principal's Report – Dr. Shahe Bagdasarian
 - Happy that 2nd semester has started in person since some districts started virtually due to Covid and teachers being out sick and quarantining. York had 14 out last week but that number is decreasing. There are contingency plans in place to make sure we are fully staffed if things get worse with faculty and staff being out. Teachers have been fantastic covering classes for others.
 - As of now, the administration is not looking at cancelling dances. Winter dance in February will take place. Prom will be at Science Museum. Since it's being held in the city, the administration is looking into what will be required to attend (i.e. Possibly proof of vaccination or negative test). They are talking about graduation as well. They would like to have it out on the football field again with a contingency plan for bad weather.
 - Jodi Pinkerton brought up the traffic jam issue at drop off and pick up. She asked about the possibility of having a stop sign installed out at front of school exit driveway at the street when the traffic guard is not present. Shahe will look into it. A brief discussion followed.
 - Beth reported that Shahe agreed that in the future PTSA can have a student parking spot to raffle off like other organizations (Foundation and Boosters) currently do.
4. Approval of Minutes for November 8, 2021
 - Julie motioned to approve the minutes. Lara offered second. Minutes approved.
5. Treasurer's report – Lara Stavridis
 - We received \$1,300 in income for membership and fair share and there were \$323 in expenses. We are all paid up with IL state dues for all members.
 - Our outstanding expenses are still more than what we have in revenue. If we eliminate the line item for the senior yard signs, we would still only have \$3,000 to carry over for next year. So, there was a discussion on finding ways to reduce or eliminate some spending.
 - As far as senior yard signs, there may be a way to reduce the cost of the signs. There is a vendor that could be significantly cheaper and use one color versus two. However, in the past we haven't had responsibility for ordering the signs; we've only contributed money towards them. Beth will discuss with Drew and let him know about the potential for cost savings with another vendor.
 - Jodi made a motion to remove the \$3,885 senior yard sign line item and second Stacey.
 - The discuss on identified a few other possible areas to cut.
 - No food will be served at events at like NHS Induction. Line items for these can be eliminated.

- \$450 line item for Connections Friday Conversations can possibly be eliminated. Since these have gone virtual there shouldn't be any expenses. Speakers are usually York faculty and staff. Beth will discuss with Mimi
 - The MemberHub processing fees that we pay on behalf of new members could be paid by donors rather than us paying for them. Lara will research the options with MemberHub to see if the site will prompt the donor if they want to pay the fees as part of the donation.
6. President's Report – Beth Concannon
PTA Council December Meeting Update -The Superintendent spoke and the communication that was sent out afterwards covered everything. Beth announced that the role of chair of the senior picnic has been filled.
7. VPs of Membership – Wendee Reedy, Julie Vacko and Tracey Bianchi
There were a couple of email pushes through Directory Spot that turned into new memberships. Currently at 723 families.
8. Chair Reports
- a. Newsletter – Amanda Tolman
We'll continue using the Spanish translation service as it is very reasonable.
 - b. Co-Website Chairs – Casey Braun and Kate Faulk
Nothing to report
 - c. Connections – Mimi Black
Next meeting on Thursday, 1/13.
 - d. Life After York – Jodi Pinkerton
She is working with co-chairs to come up with ideas on discussing life after York. Goal to increase from 100 to 300 participants. They plan to do a hybrid presentation. One of chairs works for private company who will provide the link. With only \$60 in budget. Heather's fee is \$65/hour. They will need about \$300-400 as it will be about 4-5 hours. She asked that PTA consider funding this. They changed the date to March 8. Parent volunteers come and lead discussions about preparing for college applications/ visits/ IEP/ criteria for selective school. They are looking for volunteers to lead sessions.
 - e. Summer Recreation Open House – Paula Ciccarone not in attendance
 - f. Scholarships – Teri Ford not in attendance
9. Unfinished Business
- a. Vote on proposed bylaws – Hilary Simonds
Proposed changes have been posted for 60 days; they focus on the structure of the executive board: fewer membership chairs, creating a VP of Events with all the committee heads reporting in, the option to have co-chairs or co-VPs. Lara made a

motion to approve new bylaws as posted. Casey offered second. Motion approved. President and Recording Secretary sign and they will be sent to district PTA.

- b. Update re: student attending/reporting at meetings – Beth Concannon
Shahe will work on this as a student can come on rotating basis and give volunteer hours etc.
- c. Update re: student parking space for fundraising opportunity
Beth confirmed with Shahe that PTSA will get one next year.

10. New business – PTSA is looking for a new treasurer due to term limit of 2 years. Contact Lara if you or someone you know is interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.