

York High School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022

1. Call to order at 6:32 pm; In attendance: Katerina Hickey, Lori Harges, Lara Stavridis, Diane Rand, Julie Vacko, Tracy Ries, Wendee Reedy, Carlos Lopez, Casey Braun, Michelle Pike, Tina Mattese Gio, Stephanie Frenier, Shahe Bagdasarian and Jen Baxa
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Katherina Hickey: Introductions
4. Principal's report: Shahe Bagdasarian
 - a. Thanks for support – Back to School Bash
 - b. Awesome start to school year (feels more normal)
 - c. New procedures re school safety and re cell phone usage in class
 - d. Focus on maximizing instructional time in classroom
 - e. Open house attendance down and feedback to have more specific class content next year (less general) and start earlier, staff will raffle 5 parking spots for next year for benefit of PTSA
 - f. Homecoming week this week is very busy, planned by student council.
 - g. Communications from principal will come out every week (alternate podcast and newsletter).
 - h. Question: are bathrooms locked during the day? No
 - i. Question: prom date? April 22nd
5. Approval of May 19, 2022, Minutes: Motion: Wendee Reedy, Second: Diane Rand
6. Treasurer Report: Lori Harges
 - a. Presented audit report. Audit Committee: Jen, Lori and Katerina (not Lara)
 - b. Proposed budget presentation. \$37,298 current balance. Motion: Katerina Hickey, Second: Jen Baxa
7. President's Report – Katarina Hickey
 - PTA Council – Dr. Campbell presented mission and vision of D205. See website for more information if interested
 - Update on new communication app – Parent Smart
 - Introduction to FR efforts – want to provide more scholarships since they had so many apply last year
 - Brew Point Coffee shop: buy coffee and give back
 - Initiative with Minted website – use code to get a portion of the money you spend contributed back to PTA Council scholarships; use code FUNDRAISED205PTA
 - York PTSA has been asked to contribute to PTA Council programming. One example of speaker that will be supported is Chris Herron.
 - New PTSA sign (Thanks, Renee) and tablecloth ordered
 - Insurance is in process
 - Reach for the Stars program; York PTSA received a bronze medal with PTA Illinois due to number of members we have

8. VP of Events – Wendee Reedy
 - Back to school bash was a success. We gave \$500 to Athletic Boosters for food. Event was well attended and well timed. It will be moved back a day next year to be two days before school. A bunch of athletic teams finished practice right when it started so it worked well.
 - Dinner for open house - \$1,800 instead of \$2,000; DiLeo's catered and brought containers for teachers to take it out with them. Did not ask for donations since it was very close to the Bash donation ask.
 - Parking Spots – Something to consider...join PTSA up until x date and automatically get a raffle ticket for a parking spot (5) for conferences in October; this can be done easily through directory spot.
 - Open positions – there are ten open positions currently.
 - Summer rec open house – PTA Council asked if we could have a rep from York.
 - We've kept a small hospitality budget so if an organization asks, we can provide water bottles but will no longer be providing snacks and food for the various events at school.
9. VP of Membership Report- Julie Vacko and Diane Rand
 - 495 members to date; about 15% short of last year; 146 freshman families at this time
 - Will work on raffle and will send targeted emails per year. Let the committee know if there is some information you'd like to hear about. Would like to be more communicative. Katarina interested in meeting in smaller group about communication plan. Stephanie Frenier offered to be involved in sending mini blasts especially for freshman parents. Check the York website for announcements and YTV reports.
10. Chair Reports
 - a. Newsletter – Amanda Tolman can use pictures and other items in the newsletter so feel free to include. She'll send a reminder and if you have anything you want to share be sure to include everything (hyperlinks and pictures) etc. in the Google shared drive.
 - b. Website – Casey Braun – let Casey know if there is anything you need to know or see something to update. She now has to wait for approval from communications ED at District. Now that all PTAs are using Directory Spot, Lara suggested that PTA Council take care of this and split by school so that everyone's directory looks the same. District provides the information so it might be easier for a tech person there to do it.
 - c. Connections – Renee Pas not present; next meeting is 9/23 at 8:30 a.m. ZOOM with Dr. Bagdasarian – pure Q&A. Anyone can submit questions ahead via the website and they will be sure to record the session and then post to the Connections sections of website. She is also looking for ideas for future speakers so reach out if you have one.
11. Adjourn – Lara made motion to adjourn at 7:45 and Casey offered second.