



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Parents Association Meeting Minutes September 11, 2025

Welcome

Danny Vogelman, Head of School, opened the meeting with a warm welcome and remarks about the year ahead.

PA Meeting Schedule

- Upcoming meetings will be held on October 16 and November 20 at 8:00 a.m. in the library.
 - Chaplain Emily Elder and Courtney Clark will serve as guest speakers, respectively.
 - Childcare will be available at no cost through Before Care.
 - A complete schedule of PA meetings can be found in the school calendar.
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Introduction of PA Executive Committee and Directors

Parents were introduced to the 2025–26 Parent Association leadership team and encouraged to reach out to them directly with any questions or ideas.

- **President:** Martha Orzechowski
- **Vice President:** Laura Xanders
- **Treasurer:** Martha Velez
- **Secretary:** Nancy Matthews
- **Community Events:** Nicole Brener-Schmitz
- **Family Partnership Speaker Series:** Cindy Oh
- **Educator Appreciation:** Jen Cannistra
- **Used Uniform Program:** Meaghan Feder & Tricia Chapman
- **Moms' Club:** Emma Cowan
- **Dads' Club:** Darrin Davis & Stefan Awad

Committee and Director Updates

- Nancy Matthews (Secretary): Shared updates on upcoming Service Fest and Bingo Night. Volunteer sign-ups will be shared closer to each event.
- Emma Cowan (Moms' Club): Announced upcoming gatherings, including:
 - September 29: Morning trail walk to Bethesda (meet at school, 8:30 a.m.)
 - October 23: Moms' Club Happy Hour at Hunter's Hound

Update from Advancement

Bronwyn Roy, Director of Advancement, reviewed school communication channels for parents, including:

- The school website
- WhatsApp grade-level groups
- The weekly NeWES newsletter
- Monthly Division Director updates
- Sunday evening calls
- The new WES App

Final Remarks and Reminders

- A QR code for anonymous feedback is available; submissions go directly to the PA mailbox.
- PA Representatives are encouraged to contact the PA Executive Committee or Bronwyn for support—issues do not need to be solved independently.
- Back-to-School Night: September 18, 2025
- Picture Days: September 23–24, 2025 (see posted schedule for grade-specific dates)