

PTSO Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Sept 6, 2018 UHS Media Room

Present: Wendy Witherell( Co-president) Leann Hanshew ( Co-President), Molli Hamilton ( Vice President), Megan Zeni ( Treasurer), Mary Warden ( Secretary), Neera Bhatia, Katrina Cimorelli, Kim Greene, Teddy Stewart, Jennifer Lyons, Sara Abbas, Michelle Ritchie, Melissa Phillips, Julia Ramberg, and Bonnie Snider

Welcome – Wendy Witherell welcome everyone to the meeting.

Old Business:

1. Athletic wall: Bonnie gave the following updates:
  - a. PTSO gave 7 thousand dollars
  - b. Induction ceremony will be Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM in the Gold gym
  - c. Plan to induct 10 members

New Business:

1. Proposal /Vote of Budget:
  - a. Updates : Megan Zeni ;made the following changes to the Budget proposal: removed a restricted donation ( for teacher appreciation), removed communication for Dominion Post, increased the amount for the Wall of Fame from 5K to 7K, increased the postage for next year to \$700
  - b. Molli Hamilton proposed a motion to accept the budget with these changes, Jennifer Lyons seconded the motion, all in favor
2. Dues were collected
3. Nomination of LSIC member:
  - a. Current members: Megan Zeni, and Molli Hamilton,
  - b. New member elected: Jennifer Lyons
4. Nomination for Committee Chairs
  - a. Fundraiser: Sara Abbas agreed to be chairman, Leann Hanshew agreed to help
  - b. Enrichment- Molli Hamilton suggested asking one of the volunteers who had signed up for the committee. The person suggested is Gina Dahlia. We need to check to see if she is interested.
  - c. Lucy Dream Weaver: Bonnie Snider wants to stay with this committee
5. PTSO Mailer:
  - a. Have received \$4570 donations at this time
  - b. Second mail out will be in October- need to prepare the mailings
6. Back to School Bash
  - a. Wendy and UHS administration thought it was well attended
  - b. Wendy Witherell reports that Gina Dahlia expressed interest in getting her WVU journalism students involved with writing about activities at UHS

Committee Reports

1. Beautification: Julia Ramberg

- a. Julia Ramberg and Mrs. Greene have previously spoken and hope to continue to plant in the front pots. They hope to place plants in back area
- b. Outdoor dining area- School has \$5 K for donation, PTSO has \$5K to offer for project
  - i. Kim Greene asked for the final drawing by Sept 14<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Mrs. Greene plans to contact Ron Lytle for assistance with the outdoor dining area.
  - iii. Melissa Phillips suggested Halterman Landscaping
  - iv. Sara Abbas offered to help with grant writing
  - v. Teddy Stewart has looked into financial support from Lowes
  - vi. Michelle Ritchie suggested checking with school nurse on grants related to Wellness.
- 2. Wall of Excellence: Bonnie Snider
  - a. Bonnie reports that we have two more years to continue with this project
- 3. Senior Class Activities- Molli Hamilton will plan to recruit other senior parents. Mrs Greene reports that they will need to contact Becky Cottrell who is the teacher in charge of senior activities
- 4. Facebook and twitter: Wendy reports Charmin Lerfald maintains the twitter and facebook pages
  - a. Twitter @PtsoUhs
  - b. Facebook University High PTSO
- 5. Teacher Appreciation: Neera Bhatia is the chair of this committee.
  - a. Neera needs the emails of volunteers
  - b. Parent teacher conference Sept 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 PM. Need food by 2:30 PM
  - c. Menu: salad, pizza and desserts
  - d. Next parent teacher conference Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 4-7 PM
  - e. Neera would like to have an "International Day" and provide a lunch for the teachers and staff. Mrs Greene suggest to hold it on a Professional Learning Day
- 6. Fundraiser:
  - a. Molli Hamilton reports that we have received \$4570 through the initial mailing
- 7. Lucy Dreamweaver: Bonnie Snider
  - a. Bonnie has been working with Ms. Underdunk and Ms. Diaz to be notified of student needs
  - b. Money has been allocated in the budget
- 8. LSIC
  - a. Representatives: Megan Zeni, Molli Hamilton, and Jennifer Lyons
  - b. First meeting today after the PTSO meeting

#### Administration report

- 1. Mrs. Greene reports the school has ordered new tables for lunch room- round tablets with 8 seats and placed LED lights in gym

2. Mrs. Greene and Mr. Stewart met with Stewartstown neighborhood. Who were concerned about the safety of the neighborhood due to the recent murder on Stewartstown Rd. Plan to place signs “part of neighborhood Watch” around the school. The neighbors plan to contact the school with any suspicious activities occurring around the school.
3. The administrators are planning to create a student conference for a full day at the school. The teachers will provide enrichment lectures. They hope to have 3 sessions with motivational speaker at the end. Plan to provide a more formal luncheon.
4. Some ideas for the sessions include: archery, time management, team building skills, completing taxes, how to apply for college, dealing with stress, interviewing skills, cooking, how to become a DJ
5. They plan to survey the students before finalizing the sessions
6. Melissa Phillips suggested Nikki Izzo for the motivational speaker. She heard her at a previous presentation at St Francis.
7. Student body president and student representative for PTSO : Margaret Warner

Next meeting: October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM ( Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)

LSIC will be held prior to this meeting at 6 pm

Need to email the minutes to [Katrina.cimorelli@k12.wv.us](mailto:Katrina.cimorelli@k12.wv.us)