

APPROVED
W.T. WOODSON PTSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
November 10, 2015

Attendance: Monica Cameron, Linda Vasquez, Denise Parker, Rita Manfredi, Scott Poole, Rebecca Phalan, Mary Beth Quick, Rebecca Watt, Alicia Ward, Kristen Summers, Yi Zhang, Shawn Guth, Stacey Brahmey, Alicia Ward, Kim Waxman, Bruce Waxman, Aileen Boone, Dawn Orta, Carlos Orta, Ally Kammerman, Melanie Do, Antonette Crego, Michele Johnson, Betsy Miles, Mirela Catuneanu

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approve Minutes** - October 2015 Approved
- III. **President's Report - Monica Cameron**
Dr. Heather Tedesco will present 'Authentic Success' on Nov 18th. We need a volunteer for teacher recognition coordinator. Veterans Day Freebies for Vets, check out <http://militarybenefits.info/veterans-day-discounts-sales-deals-free-meals/>.
- IV. **Principal's Report – Dr. Scott Poole**
Dr. Poole addressed the chemical fire on Friday, Oct 30th. Five students and one teacher were injured. Two teachers were conducting a common experiment involving flame and salts. The division is suspending all experiments that use flame. Staff worked through the weekend to restore the chemistry room but 7th period students will be moved to a different room for the remainder of the school year. The decision was made to go ahead with that evening's football game. WSHS put up a really nice banner and the kids came on the field after the game. Monday and Tuesday were teacher workdays and Dr. Poole met with teachers, counselors, social workers, and psychologists on how best to move forward. Monica thanked Dr. Poole and his staff for handling the challenging situation. Also discussed were ideas on how to support those most affected: Go Fund me site, home care, raking leaves, grocery delivery, and Thanksgiving baskets.
- V. **Treasurer's Report - Linda Vasquez**
It's been a slow month except for memberships. We have over 500 members. There have been no expenses except for PayPal fees for processing memberships.
- VI. **1st Vice President/Membership - Rita Manfredi**
Rita discussed the grants process and explained that the dollars belong to school and students, and the PTSO is just the stewards of those dollars. Fall grants were reviewed and approved.

VII. 2nd Vice President/Fundraising - Rebecca Phalan

We've had a great response to our directory advertising. We've sold 21 ads, the directory has been sent to the printer, and we will receive it Friday. A question was how do we ensure that we sell it to just WTW families? We plan to sell at sporting events but there will be non-WTW families attending. We don't know how much profit to expect. We also sold website ads. Directory sells for \$5. Monica commented how hard Rebecca and Meri Farling have worked selling ads.

VIII. Representative Reports

Leadership: Melanie, a senior Leadership student, commented that Tuesday night tip-off is November 24th in the main gym. This event kicks off the basketball season and includes games and contests.

Teacher Representative Rebecca Watt: Nothing to report.

Cav Cruise: Fundraisers have started and major committees have been chaired. The hope is that parents of juniors will helm this event each year.

Script: Linda keeps popular cards and grocery cards in stock or you can order from the list on the website. Think of us for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

SAT/ACT mock exams: 40 kids attended. Mind Works has been great and they will come back in February if we want them to. The test will be the new SAT format.

NAMI meets once a month on the 2nd Thursday (WTW Library) and offers confidential family-to-family support for parents. There is a special meeting in December related to clinical trials looking for new treatment option for kids.

Adjourned at 8:28. Next meeting is January 12, 2016 in the WTW Cafeteria.