

Westfield High School Meeting March 21, 2002

The March Meeting of the Westfield High School PTSA was held on Thursday, March 21, 2002 in the Lecture Hall at the school. President Lynn Terhar called this general membership meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. In attendance were:

Nancy Kruhko	Dana Cimino	Lori Knickerbocker
Bev Basogul	Mark Richardson	Penny Douskalis
Clark Lindgren	Birgit Retson	Kathy Rutkowski
Lynn Terhar	Vicky Francis	Kristine Nicholls
Joyce Pickens	LuAnn McNabb	Dale Rumberger
Debbie Gregory	Al Schenck	Karen Banick

Minutes from the February 11, 2002 meeting were approved as corrected.

Presentations

Clark Lindgren, an 8th grade science teacher from Stone Middle School, spoke about a presentation that Stone, in conjunction with the Westfield High School Science Club, are planning to put on for rising 9th graders. The purpose of the presentation is to interest the students in the sciences at Westfield. He indicated a need for funding, indicating that both the Westfield High School PTSA and the Stone Middle School PTA were being asked to contribute for supplies and an honorarium. **A motion was made by Birgit Retson that the WHS PTSA spend up to \$125.00 to support the science presentation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Karen Bannick, a concerned parent affiliated with Parents Against Bad Books In School (PABBIS), addressed the group. She spoke to clarify the purpose of PAPPIS and their goals. Her presentation was drawn from material distributed to the attendees, which will be included in the WHS PTSA Recording Secretary notebook with these minutes as part of the official record.

Treasurer's Report (Penny D)

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

President's Report (Lynn T.)

- ❑ The 5K Run will be dedicated to those in the community who lost their lives on September 11th
- ❑ The Minority Parent's Coffee appears to be a great success
- ❑ The state requires a triennial census that is currently ongoing
- ❑ There is a PTSA Leadership Conference July 12-14, 2002
- ❑ Lynn initiated a discussion concerning posting contact information for tutors on the PTSA website. The general consensus of the board was that this could put the

- PTSA at some risk and should not be done. However, the board indicated that a FAQ section on how to look for a tutor could be done instead.
- ❑ Information about, and a copy of the new FCPS booklet “Everyone’s Child” was provided. The board discussed the possible impact of it on our PAWS booklet. There was general agreement that we try to get reprints of the county booklet and also update the PAWS booklet to remove information that duplicates the FCPS booklet and add more parenting information and other information that is unique to the PAWS booklet.
 - ❑ Lynn raised a concern and opened discussion about how to determine if funds should be provided to assist students in need as the FCPS no longer has discretionary funds for this purpose. A sample application was presented to the board. The general consensus of the board was of concern that we do not have the ability to properly protect the privacy of the applicants.

Committee Reports

- ❑ A nominating committee was selected to provide a slate of officers for the May elections. The committee consists of Kathy Rutkowski, LuAnn McNabb, and Debbie Gregory.
- ❑ Bev Basoglu addressed the need for volunteers to proctor the AP Exams in May
- ❑ The Legislative Committee Report was given by LuAnn McNabb
- ❑ Mark Richardson discussed the Minority Parent’s Coffee that was held that evening
- ❑ Lynn Terhar noted that the newsletter deadline is April 15th

Principal’s Report (Dale R.)

- ❑ WHS students have been receiving considerable acclaim
- ❑ Construction to modify spaces within the building will be performed to accommodate the growth and overcrowding next year. Every attempt is being made to keep the entire student body within the school building
- ❑ Mr. Rumberger discussed how FCPS Budget issues may impact Westfield

The next WHS PTSA meeting is scheduled for April 25th at 7 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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