

**The Westfield High School PTSA Meeting  
September 19, 2002**

The September meeting of the Westfield High School PTSA was held on Thursday September 19, 2002 in the Lecture Hall. President Birgit Retson called the meeting to order at 7:04

In attendance were:

Trish Manghelli	Lynn Terhar	Destiny Burns
Bev Basoglu	Sue Kiely	Donna Ainger
LuAnn McNabb	Al Schenck	Debbie Gregory
Vickie Francis	Susan Tindall	Laurie O'Bryan
Pat Zuiker	Ralph Ainger	Dale Rumberger
Penny Douskalis	Linda Nicklyn	Dana Cimino
Salma Ashmavi	Birgit Retson	

The new board member for Special Education Trish Manghelli was introduced.

The minutes were approved after the rewording of the Right to Read Resolution.

The Treasurer's Report (Destiny Burns): \$14,589.84. On Back-to-School night, 9/17/02, the budget was passed with 41 votes.

The Committee Reports

Dog Dish Café (Linda Nicklyn): At the BDBBQ \$157.75 was made. Coffee and baked goods resulted in \$66.00. Very few parents came through the line but 146 teachers did.

Legislative (LuAnn McNabb): At Stone Middle School Back-to-School night, one of the political candidates for 39<sup>th</sup> Senate race used Westfield's athletic schedule to stamp his name on the schedule and then and placed them on a table without permission from anyone. LuAnn will put an informational article in the Newsletter on the 7 referenda of which 4 affect us – two for parks, one for higher bonds, and one for transportation. The County Park Authority has proposed 9 soccer fields to allow play till 11:00 pm. If it goes through, they will use Westfield for parking, not to mention the noise and lights. It has been deferred till Oct.30<sup>th</sup>.

FCCPTA (Lynn Terhar): Westfield's community coalition will have a retreat at Ft. Belvoir Officers Club on Oct.8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. It is a day and a half long. It is about drugs and alcohol prevention. FCCPTA will have new kindergarten report cards which is about 12 pages. They are trying to share more information with parents. It still needs to be voted on. Some of the language and layout to increase some of the block sizes need to be

changed. Lynn passed around a copy for review. There is a general membership meeting on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in Falls Church on the Transportation referendum. Both sides of the issue will be covered. The State PTA Health and Safety committee has a Mini Grant for \$100. Lynn will submit Geri Zeithammel's name for her to use for the TATU group (teens against tobacco use). We made \$7,000 with BDBBQ. There will be a meeting on Monday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> to talk about what we can do to make it better for next year.

ANGLP (Lynn Terhar for Janice Gigiello): The sub committees are all in place. Already have a couple thousand dollars from local businesses.

Directory (Deb Gregory): Orders are still coming in. Parents are calling because they don't want their unlisted phone #'s published. This is all because of the packets going out so late. Have sold 650 copies so far for \$4,200.

Membership (Dana Cimino) 482 parents and 225 students signed up.

President's Report (Birgit Retson) Read a few "Thank You" notes. One was for School Supplies. One was from Joy Sibley. A few funding requests: 2 students and 1 teacher: a guidance counselor wanted a scholarship or the PTSA to pay the fee for a photography class student who cannot afford the lab and film fees for around \$100. No motion was made to fund. A few new teachers need to take a math course for \$35 fee, but Mr. Rumberger will take care of it. Mike Hibgie, the Eagle Scout, who landscaped the area by the stadium, wanted \$500. Donna Ainger spoke on behalf of Mike Hibgie. The PTSA will call Frances Dull. Dana C. will call Susan Vaccarino, Landscape Chairperson. Deferred till next month.

There was a discussion to set up a procedure for any funding requests from the PTSA. A presentation must be made to the Board before any work starts.

T-Shirts: what to do with them? Will give some away at Homecoming Parade. Sell them at the Homecoming football game. Whatever is left, give them to Mr. Rumberger. A motion was made by Bev B. to sell them for \$2.00 and buy one get one for free or give them away. It was seconded by Dana C. The motion was unanimously carried.

The VA PTA convention is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in Richmond, Va. The next PTSA meeting is Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Topic: "We're in High School, now what?" This is geared towards the freshmen. Birgit, asked the sophomores to come and talk to students about what their concerns were. What were the biggest adjustments? There will be a question and answer period with students, parents and administrators in the Auditorium. Discussed using the automated phone to call all freshmen parents. The cost will be about the same as mailing. Al Schenck made a motion to use the phone calling service. Salma A. seconded. The motion carried.

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> PTSA program will be about SOL. So many changes and so much at stake.

Principal of the Year Nomination: The Board would like to nominate Mr. Rumberger again. He was flattered and will let the Board know his decision whether to run or not.

Principal's Report (Dale Rumberger): There are 2,717 students enrolled so far. He was able to keep all of his staff.

Tentatively, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> is the sophomore Ethics seminar. It will be at the Marriott. Students will be able to walk which will save \$3,000 on bus transportation.

Centreville Cleaners would like to form a partnership with PTSA for fund raising. They will give 15% of everything they make on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month if people say they are from Westfield HS.

Mr. Rumberger talked about different options for graduation - what if it rains? 540 kids to graduate. Gym is too small. No place for the Band. Only 2 tickets per student. Patriot Center cost is \$6,100 for June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. This is a pilot program.

Mr. Rumberger has a chance to go on the USS Kennedy. He will be staying on the carrier, overnight. But will be missing Homecoming.

The Art Room will be finished by Oct.25<sup>th</sup>. The change for the parking area has been approved to add more spaces. The construction is in Nov or Dec. The bus lot will move. Westfield will get 4 practice fields. There was a discussion about split Back-to-School night. Pending decision. 2,889 kids visited the clinic last year. Mr. Rumberger asked the Board to help if we can give a few hours.

The next WHS PTSA meeting is scheduled for Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bev Basoglu, WHS PTSA Recording Secretary

Approved as written \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

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