

## WHHS Association Meeting Minutes

October 27

Many thank you shout outs to our fabulous committee heads and members:

- Curriculum Night – Laura Deck – very successful event. Well attended and we had plenty of water and cookies for our guests
- Ludi – came very close to meeting the target. We are waiting on a few other expenses to determine the final numbers. A beautiful day led to a great event with the students having plenty of fun. The “short and sweet” timeframe of the event made it quite manageable. There are already some great new fundraising ideas for next year’s Ludi event for clubs and sports.
- All of the tailgates went well. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade had a nice crowd and our inaugural 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade event went well considering the weather. Thank you to our committees.
- Boogie Bash – 500+ students, 100 parent volunteers. Many areas provided tremendous support.
- Upcoming events where we will be looking for lots of support: Legacy of Excellence, Open House and Walnut Fest
- Robotics competition coming up in January and this group will need volunteers
- RECYCLE!!!! Increase in recycle pickups, decrease in trash pickups. Kids give back juice, milk or fruit that is not being eaten and others can take it from fridge at no charge.

### Business Meeting

1. September meeting minutes were distributed and approved: motion: Alex Stillpass, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Beth Boland
2. Financials: Clarification was provided regarding checks written to “cash”. These were for directories and Ludi. A question was asked regarding individual grade level accounts and where fundraising monies were noted: Answer – money raised by classes by such things as bake sale is maintained by CPS in student activity accounts handled by Janet Fine (WHHS controller) Monthly reports were distributed and approved: motion: Beth Boland and 2nd Tim Bonfield
3. Communications:
  - a. Newsletter: Great job on this year’s first edition. The second newsletter will be coming out before Thanksgiving. Always looking for ideas. Please submit ideas by Nov 7. Tim is looking specifically for pictures from recent events like Boogie Bash and Ludi.
  - b. Constant Contact: CC is a software system that helps manage and distribute school information. Allows parents to select specific areas which they want to receive information (grade level, sports boosters, WHIP, etc. The Association will be providing additional information to families to try to educate and encourage signing up for this information.
4. Committee Updates:
  - a. WHIP – Pam Webb new president. Marching Band qualified for state finals. Concert season is kicking off on October 29. Sweeney Todd Musical starts on

November 9. Really would like to make this a community event attended by not only our school population but the community at large.

- b. Legacy of Excellence: mailing goes out on Nov. 1, on Nov 5 students will receive the same letter and Jeff will make announcement encouraging students to take home and give to parents. The first phoneathon event this year will be held on Nov. 6 from 6 -9 PM and then another one on Nov. 8 from 9-12:00 AM. Some statistics regarding last year's LOE: 83 families gave \$60,000 of the \$90,000+ , 275 families who donated last year remain at WHHS, there are 2200 families at WHHS and LOE really would like to tap into a much larger portion of our committee. LOE literally supports every student and every faculty member resulting in a successful and happy community. This year LOE will offer some Incentives
- c. WalnutFest – February 28 @ Clifton Cultural Arts Center. This will be a multi-cultural event – celebrating the cultures of Walnut. Each room has a theme. We will be utilizing Ready Set Auction to help expedite process and provide additional information in advance of the event. Looking to offer more Great Gathering events due to the tremendous popularity and success of it last year.
- d. College Information Center – college planning III – 11<sup>th</sup> graders & parents Nov \_\_, financial information and Naviance, College planning II on Nov. 12 for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students & parents, Nov. 22 from 1-3:30, College Symposium –exploring college options, athletics, financial aid, etc. Targeting 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents
- e. Visual Arts – Nov. 6 fall art show,
- f. Class of 2018 – tailgate took place and Frosh has begun planning
- g. After Prom – Melissa – still need chairs for rooms, 9 done need 11 more, new ideas for night
- h. “Kinzies” closet idea at Walnut for Walnut students – need to start planning for offering that to our students next year?
- i. An idea has been submitted to have a “Thankful Meal” on Nov. 22. Need to explore how to offer, signup, food coordination, etc.