

WHHS Association Meeting

August 25, 2015

Welcome – Beth Ewing

Introduction of all leaders – All attendees introduced themselves and their role with the Parent Association.

Presentation and approval of 2014-15 final financial statement was presented by Jen Horvath. Jen explained that the past 2 years we have operated at a deficit and this coming year there are measures in place to keep committees within their budget and there are also cutbacks to different budgets to get income and expenses in alignment. One example of tightening of controls is that any large expenses (\$500 or greater) must be pre-approved by Association President and any contracts that the Association is entering into must be signed by Association President. It is also thought that the efficiencies of the newly created admin role will increase potential income from fundraising efforts.

Motion to approve the Year End Financials for 2014-15: Felicia Williams, 2nd : Randi Chaiken. Motion passed.

May 2015 minutes were presented by Jenny Workum. There were no questions or inquiries.

Motion to approve May minutes: Bill Wolf, 2nd : Reva Henderson. Motion passed.

Changes to the 2015-16 Directors and Slate were presented by Beth Ewing.

There were two open positions on the Association's Voting Directors and Beth offered these positions to Iris Siao and Lynn Ryan. They both accepted the nominations to the Director position.

Vote on nominations of Iris Siao and Lynn Ryan to Directors of the Association. All were in favor, no objections or abstentions.

Changes to the 2015-16 Slate that was presented at the May Association Meeting: LOE: Jay Lewis and Dillon Mosby, 9th Grade Liaisons: Wendy Benedict, Ellen Austin-Li, Theatre Liaison: Lynn Ryan.

Motions to approve the changes to the 2015-16 Slate: Renata Scanio, 2nd: Adrienne Brandicourt. Motion passed

General Updates from President

Dropbox is available for all documents for each committee

Administrative Role: Jennifer Rodes and E'Lyse Hill were hired to split the newly approved Administrative Role. Beth received approximately 20-25 inquiries for the position and she and Bill Wolf conducted interviews of qualified candidates. E'Lyse will handle communications (Under the Dome, update of Parent section of WHHS webpage, update of WHHS Association Facebook, Constant Contact backup, Association web addresses) and Event Coordination of specific events. Jen Rodes responsibilities include: inventory and re-deployment of Association records and supplies, maintenance of legal records of the Association, maintenance of a school-wide fundraising calendar/marketplace, support Legacy of Excellence campaign, Ludi and WalnutFest (phone-a-thons, logging donations, thank you letters, identifying new donor pools)

New communication request forms now available (Under the Dome, robo call, email blasts, newsletter topics, website)

Association Meetings: we will have general business meetings and special topic meetings. Hoping to encourage attendance at special topic meetings. On those evenings where there is a special topic a short general business meeting will be held fifteen minutes prior. The Association meetings for the 2015-16 year are:

August – Business Meeting

September – State of the School

October – Business Meeting

November – Business Meeting
January - Optioning
February – Cyber Speaker
March – Business Meeting
April – Business Meeting/ Slate
May – Look Ahead

Committee Reports

ILT – no updates

LSDMC – no updates

LOE – October kick off

WalnutFest – talking to volunteers, Date of the event is: Feb 20, 2016 6-10 @ Longworth Hall

Ludi – event scheduled for October 2, WHHS student band, Black Ties, will be performing. Lots of help needed for the event. Will be utilizing Crowdrise to raise money and will hold several fundraising contests. Contact Event Chair Lauren Lacerda to help.

7th & 8th Grade Liaison – tailgate on Friday, tickets will be on sale Wed-Fri at lunch. Boogie Bash Oct 16

9th Grade Liaison – no update

10th Grade Liaison – wanting to include students in event planning. Will have a Battle of the Bands, April 9, DJ competition also being discussed

11th Grade Liaison – no update, still need another co-chair

12th Grade Liaison – Senior picnic was successful and well attended.

Visual Arts – working on lots of exciting ideas: guest lecturers, artist in residence- starting contacts with community, auction off student art at Walnut Fest

Theater – recognized by Cappy for 4 awards. This year there will be 5 shows: 3 senior high, 2 junior high, postcards with the lineup of shows and dates are available

CIC – WHHS students who took the ACT in April received their test scores over the summer. Any student who scored under a 25 on the test was invited to come for test prep session in August. 45 students took advantage of this opportunity. Julie Lerner held a Common App Boot Camp with greater than 1/3 of seniors participating. Lunch bunch is held every Tuesday and Thursday, 1st and 3rd lunch period for PSAT prep and Wednesdays during 3rd lunch for ACT prep. The PSTA will be administered to all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students on Wednesday, October 14.

Hospitality – no updates

New Family - held the first New Family cookout. It was very well attended, lots of activities, and interested families. Looking to figure out how to better connect with new families during registration process

Directory/eCommunications – PLEASE include a subject line for any emails you request to be sent out and please add pictures as attachments not in the body of the email.

Newsletter – The last newsletter went out over the summer. Event coordinators please think of the newsletter as your post event celebratory source by forwarding pictures and highlights from event. Always looking for pictures, story ideas, suggestions for highlighting people/staff members. Also, need sports correspondence assistance. If interested contact Tim Bonfield

WHIP – setting sights on world class music program, already pretty close. We have found a development director, name to be announced. WHIP would love to add piano to our curriculum.

Closing: next meeting September 22 – State of the School
Meeting concluded at 8:15.