

**WRHS PTO “Blues Backers”
Minutes of Meeting
January 9, 2008**

Present: Janet Aleshire, Sue Beilman, Sally Brown, Linda Gwaltney, Bretta Hopkins, Kim Jones, Penny Lane, Jackie McGranahan, Kathy Petersen, Leeta Rinehart, Lori Schile, Madge Schmank and Pam Scott.

Call to Order – Co-presidents Kim Jones and Madge Schmank called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Staff Requests – Written requests for two groups were presented by the co-presidents. There was a request from the Speech and Language Department, for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Classroom, to establish a Washburn Rural Blues Motivational Store. The students could earn points in the classroom, then use the points to purchase “cool” items, which will further create a positive school environment and loyalty to our school. There was also a request from the Orchestra/Barrage event to reimburse for costs of a meal for the musicians and staff. See **Action Item – Staff Requests** below.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the November 14, 2007 meeting, were presented. Corrections, for Barrage wording, were made. **Action** - Upon a motion made by Sally Brown and seconded by Janet Aleshire, the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected. Minutes can be found on the WRHS web site. There was no correspondence to share.

Treasurer Report - Pam Scott presented financial data. She reported a \$34,310.94 cash balance as of December 31, 2007. The Banking Summary for August 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 noted total income of \$57,994.48 and total expenses of \$53,240.81, resulting in a net of \$4,753.67 for the period. Membership income was \$7,735 compared to a budget of \$8,000. Pam will review with the Hospitality chairs Marcy and Dawn any expenses incurred and review coding, as the Hospitality expenses line is currently at \$0. Pam reminded everyone to use the green sheets to be reimbursed and to use the tax-exempt form to avoid sales tax. **Action** - Upon a motion made by Lori Schile, then seconded by Sally Brown, the Treasurer Report was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Vice President, Concessions and Concession Scheduling – Leeta Rinehart reported that a \$2,200 estimated value popcorn machine was acquired for \$1,300 by Madge Schmank. There will be printed instructions for cleaning the machine posted next to the machine, so be sure to review them. Discussion was held regarding soda pop invoices, pop coolers, delivery, inventory and costs. A new Coca Cola cooler was provided. Jackie McGranahan and Leeta discussed the schedule. Be sure to review the schedule and cover the assignments with a substitute. The co-presidents thanked everyone for all their work with the concession stands, making it a successful fund raiser for our school.

Activities/Athletic Director – Penny Lane reported that the concessions for the baseball/softball complex have not been bid yet. The bowling season begins today, with 28 participants. Our first bowling competition is with Seaman and Hayden. The band arrived in New Orleans for the national championship BCS bowl. Auditions will be held for Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, with the performances scheduled for March. We are hosting a wrestling tournament January 19th, and hospitality will assist coaches and support staff. Scheduling for middle school administrative training and state debate tournaments makes for challenges for the calendar. Penny Lane shared draft versions of the FY 2008-2009 school calendar and asked for input. The student directory was discussed with ideas shared for next year.

Homecoming – No report

Hospitality – No report

Staff Appreciation – Bretta Hopkins reported that treats would be provided to the teachers during the spring parent-teacher event and will show appreciation at the end of the year.

Membership - Sally Brown reported that \$7,735 of membership donations have been received. The list of PTO patrons is included in the winter program.

Merchandise – Janet Aleshire reported that merchandise will be sold the first four Friday nights in February at basketball games. There will be a winter sale on certain spirit wear merchandise. The committee is researching bleacher seats as a future fund raising idea.

Newsletter - Future deadlines are Friday, January 11th and Friday, February 6th for newsletters to be in homes January 31st and February 28th.

Post Prom – Lori Schile reported that there was a positive response to the postcard encouraging involvement in post prom. At a recent post prom meeting there was a room full of people. She also reported that all committees were on board and busy. The decorating committee will have sessions on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:15 until 9:15 in gym B and welcome help. Pam Scott asked Lori to provide a list of post prom committee co-chairs.

Publicity – No report

Recognition – No report

Volunteers – Sue Beilman reported that eight to ten volunteers were needed February 15th for the King and Queen of Courts, with a few needed early. Sheridans will be serving frozen desserts for the Spirit Committee. The volunteers were thanked for serving at the Winter Formal event held at the middle school.

Members at Large – The co-presidents provided the Spirit Committee update. The committee is working on a t-shirt donation source and a search for candidate(s) to serve

as school mascot. The fight song, student section seating arrangement in the gym, hall marching and pep rallies are contributing to school spirit. A generous donation from Silver Lake Bank of 1,000 window clings to promote WRHS school spirit has also been received.

Action Item – Staff Requests – For the staff request from the Speech and Language Department, it was moved by Pam Scott, seconded by Janet Aleshire, and unanimously approved, providing \$50 cash for items and \$150 value of WRHS clothing merchandise. In addition, window clings donated by Silver Lake Bank will be provided. For the staff request from Orchestra, it was moved by Janet Aleshire, seconded by Lori Schile, and unanimously approved to reimburse \$281.51 for the meal.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Linda Gwaltney, secretary.

The next meeting will be February 20, 2008 at 7 p.m. in Room 123.