

WRHS PTO “Blues Backers”
Minutes of Meeting
November 14, 2007

Present: Janet Aleshire, Diane Ballou, Laura Gasperich, Karen Gideon, Linda Gwaltney, Jamie Heathman, Kim Heathman, Susan Hess, Diana Joliff, Kim Jones, Jackie McGranahan, Penny Lane, Activities/Athletic Director, Ed Raines, Principal, Leeta Rinehart, Lori Schile, Madge Schmank, Kak Eli-Schneider, Pam Scott, Mary Lou Silverman and Marcy VanderHart.

Yearbook Photo – Thank you to Kara Paulson, WRHS Yearbook Photographer, for shooting the photograph.

Call to Order - Co-presidents Kim Jones and Madge Schmank called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

WRHS PTO Bylaws - Kim Jones, Madge Schmank and Linda Gwaltney presented to the Board for consideration a draft of the proposed Bylaws previously emailed (October 31, 2007) to the Board for consideration. The draft was discussed. Suggested corrections/changes to the draft, including the word “staff” instead of faculty/teachers, and the date of July 31, instead of June 30, for the treasurer transition date, were incorporated, as well as typographical and format edits.

Action Item - Upon a motion made by Janet Aleshire and seconded by Lori Schile, the Bylaws were approved as presented, with corrections noted.

Staff Requests – No staff requests were received.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the October 10, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved, following a motion made by Janet Aleshire and seconded by Mary Lou Silverman. Minutes can be found on the WRHS web site.

Correspondence – None

Treasurer Report – Pam Scott presented the October 31, 2007 financial reports, including Banking Summary, Account Balances (Commerce Checking of \$36,855.81 and Money Market of \$5,236.03.) Income from August 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007 was \$51,061.91 and expenses were \$38,527.34, for a net of \$12,534.57. Itemized categories of accounts were also presented, as well as the WRHS 2007-2008 PTO Budget Income/Expense Comparison to prior year and year-to-date.

Target Corporation, from credit card rebates, sent a check for \$433.55. Dues received to date total \$7,425.

Pam reminded everyone to use the Request for Reimbursement/Disbursement Forms and to use the Sales Tax Exemption form at stores, as we do not pay sales tax. This is a great savings of 7.45 percent on our purchases.

Action Items – A motion was made by Lori Schile and seconded by Marcy VanderHart to accept the financial reports. The reports were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Recognition – Kak Eli-Schneider reported that the committee’s goal is to recognize every WRHS student this year with cookie coupons and fun cards for each of their achievements. Students recently recognized include those who made Bond vote reminder phone calls, boys soccer, volleyball, girls golf, girls tennis, cross country, thespians/actors/crew of two plays, green team for recycling honor, National Merit Finalists, National Merit Semi-finalists and Special Olympics.

Vice President – Leeta Rinehart distributed a draft schedule of openers/closers for editing. She will then be forwarding it out via email. She reminded everyone that PTO Board members shall work as Openers/Closers two times each season. PLEASE do not forget to email or call her after you have closed with a quick inventory. Also, the office asks that money bags be picked up by 3:30 p.m. now. Please make sure an adult is in charge of the Popcorn poppers during an event. We are down to only two popcorn poppers and one is currently being re-cleaned by Madge.

Concession Scheduling - All WRHS PTO “Blues Backers” board members are to work 2 sessions every quarter. Jackie McGranahan is working on the winter schedule with groups.

Activities/Athletic Director – Penny Lane noted that boys’ soccer, volleyball and girls’ tennis had very successful seasons with state appearances and volleyball placing first in 6A. The winter formal is set for December 8th at WRMS. PTO has been asked to provide a coat check for this event. Bowling is a new competitive varsity sport and will have a Centennial League champion, as 6 teams are competing this year. 80 students expressed interest and tryouts begin the week of December 3rd and competition begins after January 1, 2008. Westridge Lanes will be our home for this new varsity sport. The basketball gym student seating will be rearranged, as the students will be seated beneath the band and the team benches will be switched, as another way to increase school spirit. An ATM machine, for WRHS, is being considered by the USD 437 Board.

Homecoming – Karen Gideon had no report.

Hospitality – Marcy reported that end of season banquets have been completed. They could use help setting up for events, which requires setting up about 1 ½ hours before event.

Membership – Madge and Kim noted that the membership income to date is \$7,425, with a goal of \$8,000.

Merchandise - Janet Aleshire and Susan Hess thanked everyone for purchasing spirit wear. Spirit wear information is on the Web site. Also, sales will occur at the blue/white scrimmage basketball game November 24, 2007 and future home games.

Newsletter –The next newsletter should be in homes November 18. The next due date for articles is January 10, 2008.

Post Prom – Lori Schile reported that post prom leadership positions, especially for fundraising, are needed for the post prom committee immediately. The post prom committee plans to send a post card out to encourage volunteerism for this important event.

Publicity – The photograph of the PTO board was today. All wore their Spirit Wear! There was also an ad placed in the State soccer programs.

Staff Appreciation – A Parent-Teacher conference dinner on the Wednesday night during conferences provided a delicious Taco Bar to staff. Also, a luncheon was provided for visiting author Ben Mikaelson. A meal may be provided for the orchestra group Barrage before a performance at WRHS in December.

Volunteers – Madge and Kim reported that Sue and Philicia continue to coordinate and provide many volunteers as your needs arise.

Board Members at Large – No report.

New Business – Madge requested that Pam Scott provide a bill to WRMS for nacho cheese and chips, as the middle school borrowed the machine.

No December meeting - Madge and Kim announced that there would be no meeting December 12, 2007. Please attend Barrage instead to support our Music Department.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Linda Gwaltney, secretary.

The next meeting will be January 9, 2008 at 7 p.m. in Room 123.