

North County High School PTSA  
Meeting Minutes  
May 29, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:46 p.m.

**In attendance:** Stephanie Doersam; Sonya Sutter; Andrea Zamora; Susan Carter; Sally Wood; Lisa Bonanno; Lisa Crittenden; Alison Cherowitzo; and Nancy Sumwalt.

**Welcome: Sonya Sutter**

President Sonya Sutter welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made.

**President's Report: Sonya Sutter**

- Sonya thanked everyone for all their help.
- Suggested a list of what worked this year and what didn't.
- Planning meeting over the summer to brainstorm ideas.
- Read a thank-you note from the 2019 Class Officers regarding the After-Prom Breakfast.
- Read a thank-you note from Sylvia Hill
- We received a Greene Turtle gift card in lieu of a check for After-Prom Breakfast since we didn't raise enough funds. Nancy S. will purchase from the PTSA so we will have cash instead.
- Distributed the updated calendar.

**Approval of March 2019 Minutes: Nancy Sumwalt**

Prior minutes were reviewed. (There was no meeting in April 2019.)

- Motion: Stephanie D. motioned and Lisa B. seconded to approve the March 20, 2019 meeting minutes as written.
- Vote: Motion carried.
- Resolved: Minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting are approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report: Lisa Bonanno**

- General Account balance: \$4,658.88
- Prom Breakfast balance: \$1,271.79 (more will be transferred from General Account to reconcile the vendor fairs
- Andrea Z. is inquiring re: custodial fees; we should only have to pay for Saturday night (7.5 hrs. x \$\_\_); there should be a form (contract) to sign re: custodians; a price list should be available. (Add this to brainstorming list.)

**Administration Update: Sonya Sutter**

- Mr. Jefferson inquired about the meeting and Sonya told him it was tonight. She notified both Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Fowlkes, but neither responded.

- Discussion re: miscommunications this year. We need to know the preferred method of communication re: meetings and issues.
- We need someone from Administration at every meeting.
- The Sophomores tried to have a carnival fundraiser but didn't sell enough tickets. Most people didn't know about it. Sonya S. sent a picture to Stephanie D. and she posted it. It should have been included in the weekly newsletter and on the school's home page.
- Andrea Z. received a lot of information from Mrs. Bange's google calendar.
- Mr. Bernstein should get an intern to help with the calendar, but Stephanie D. was told it was a network security issue; but it could be done on a google calendar.
- Intranet calendar needs to be updated.

## **Committee Reports**

### Membership: Alison C.:

- We have 107 Parents; 7 Staff; 2 Alumni; and 21 Students for membership so far (144 total).
- Susan C. asked regarding Cindy Atkinson's membership and will follow up with Cindy.
- Unused cards must be returned to PTA.
- Several times we attend events and offer memberships.
- We should collaborate with Athletic and Music Boosters.
- Suggested one price next year: \$10.
- Andrea Z. suggested a postcard invitation to join the PTSA and hand them out at all events; then follow up a week later for Admin. to reach out and promote the PTSA.
- Magnets with information? Laminated business cards with magnets?
- Target STEM activities; coordinate with Mr. Forrester.
- Lisa C. keeps prior members on email list.
- Our membership of 144 is on par with other schools.
- Parents decide on which to join when they get to high school.
- Meetings online were suggested. Zoom is an option and the first 40 minutes are free.
- Andrea Z. pointed out that there is a lot of participation in elementary school. But the middle schools don't want parent participation; they just want the money.
- Mr. Bernstein arrived at 7:40 p.m. He said the Athletic Boosters go to the middle schools' "recognition" ceremonies to promote the boosters. There is one on 6/13/2019 from 8:45 - 10:00 a.m. Sonya will inquire about it. She suggested Orientation instead.
- A discussion was held about the calendars: Mr. Bernstein said he doesn't get enough information to update the calendars. (Alison C. asked him to update Club information and he did.) There have been many complaints over the years, but he is not getting information to add to the calendars. Admin. and staff should be able to input information themselves. Andrea asked if the school can have a google calendar. Each department can then update their own information and we can do so as well. Mr. Bernstein will check on it. The school system has instructions to access and use the google calendar.

### After Prom: Andrea Z.

- Andrea posted a summary and thank-you in the weekly newsletter.

- She received feedback that the After Prom was more fun than the Prom. The games were well-received.
- Next year list the prizes by type: food gift cards; restaurant gift cards; etc. to make it easier and quicker for the students to choose.
- The labels worked well; especially for the grand prize tickets at the end.
- We had 249 students attend.
- We needed more help with the carnival games and tickets.
- Mr. Bernstein said next year's Prom is scheduled for 5/16/2020 at the BWI Marriott.
- We discussed the pros of having the After Prom at the hotel: a few hundred dollars to rent; can bring food; more students may attend. These are thoughts for next year's committee.
- Andrea proposed to hold the dine-out nights at two Tuesdays per month.
- Stephanie will add Andrea to Facebook as an editor.

Banners: Stephanie D.

- It was a "banner" year!
- The banner company (husband and wife) may retire. Stephanie will pursue other vendors.
- She removed the two banners that were remaining in A hall.
- Stephanie screened the banner orders; she didn't verify them with the Senior Advisors.
- The early birds got the first batch hung.
- The program went well this year; we made more than what was budgeted.
- Stephanie can Chair Banners again next year.

Hospitality: Susan C.

- Teacher Appreciation Week was discussed. The staff were given treats Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch was held on Thursday (Sonya ordered).
- Susan C., Kim B. and Cindy A. ran the luncheon.
- There was a lot of food left over. They left food and a note for the custodians. They brought leftovers for the After Prom setup.
- Susan took notes re: quantity for next year.
- Four military greeters came from Fort Meade.
- Maybe we should have some to-go containers for next year.

Candy Fundraiser: Sonya S.

- Sonya held the candy fundraiser. Lisa B. will verify if we made \$1,500 profit.
- She sold as much as she could at events. Parents and Mr. Bernstein helped.
- Will consider doing it again next year. (Add to brainstorming list.)

Craft/Vendor Fair: Lisa C.

- The Comptroller's office requested the vendor list this year. Lisa provided the list to them.
- Some small vendors may drop out. They need a temporary sales license (self-reported).
- Lisa only had one complaint. There were some cancellations, but she doesn't know the reasons.

- Lisa already calendared the fair for next year. There was a conflict with the first date.
- She would like a committee for next year.
- We always had a flea market in the past, until Kim and Angie (former PTSA President and Vice President) wanted a craft and vendor fair; so the Music Boosters took over the flea markets.
- We need new customers! Sally W. will help with signs next year.
- Lisa agreed to continue as Chair.
- A PTSA booth was suggested for the Linthicum Fair; 20% would go back to the Church, but we can just have an information booth for no fee.

**Scholarships:** Sonya S.

- Nancy S. explained the blind review system that worked the past couple years.
- Discussed rubric for next year.
- The Committee can revise the application.
- Lisa C. will remove the application from our website now. An intern may help with the website for volunteer hours.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Stephanie D. said that during the bad storms, the students were made to leave instead of coming back into the school for shelter. There was a kickball game outside and new drivers were made to leave in unsafe weather. This happened after school.
- Andrea Z. said that After Prom planning with Admin. was very frustrating. Mr. Fowlkes was the contact. Andrea suggested that Sonya ask what their preferred method of communication is. Mr. Fowlkes and Mrs. Johnston never responded to Andrea's emails.
- Sally W. said that the weekly newsletter needs to have everything on the calendar. have each group send information to PTSA to post.
- Sonya S. said we need volunteers for the Senior Class Picnic (5/31/2019) from 9:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.
- Sonya S. talked about the upcoming PTA convention (7/26&27/2019).
- Andrea Z. will take over the Twitter page.

Sally W. motioned to adjourn; Susan C. seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.