

Cherry Hill High School West PTA
September 24th, 2015 General Membership Meeting

- In attendance: see attached sign in sheet.
- Meeting was called to order by Kris Walters, President, at 7:06 PM, Pledge of Allegiance recited, and introductions of the Board were made.
- Minutes from the June 8th, 2015 PTA meeting were approved.
- **Treasurer's Report** - reviewed by Karen Leonard, and report approved by general membership. Karen reviewed plan of raising money for tables and benches for courtyard at West for student lunches. Our cost would be \$1200 and will be given to Shop Class as a "School Project" to be worked on with teacher and students.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **West Word** - Kris Walters reported that she needs email addresses to send newsletter out to membership. Yahoo account for PTA and Kris will invite all just in case. Linda Abbaszadeh continues to be Editor of the West Word.
 - **Ways & Means** - Andrea Gurst reported that Mums Sale is "winding down" and 10/1 is pick up date. Community Service hours available for students to earn by helping with unloading mums. Kris Walters and Karen Leonard added that "Color Fun Run" is back on table for fundraiser later in the Spring, but PTA will start planning now.
 - **Membership** - Connie Spencer reported that 138 memberships already received. Still accepting from West staff and families.
 - **Project Graduation** - Connie Spencer reported that CHHS West Graduation will be held on June 16th, 2016 at 11:00 AM. Project Graduation takes place that evening at the Katz Jewish Community Center. It is a "self funded" evening for graduating Seniors. Costs for the evening are an estimated \$30,000. Next PG meeting will take place on 9/29 at 7 PM in the Library at West.
 - - Connie reported that possible fundraisers for PG will be Sumo Wrestling again this year, which was a very fun event last year and raised \$700. She is also building connections to potential donors through grants, endowments, and any other information from our PTA membership would be appreciated. Jersey Mike's cards were passed out and that fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, 10/21. Regular subs will cost card holder only \$2 donation. And finally, PG Annual Yard sale is expected to take place in April and more details to come.
 - **Volunteer Directory** - Colleen McQuade reported that she received a lot of forms with 50 directories purchased - 26 sent form in without money but apparently still want their information printed in directory. It was discussed that online membership may be easier next year, with paying dues, and signing up for directory and paying for directory also.

Program presentation this evening was Jackie Caputo and she presented about the Silver Diner Club Card, called "Eat Well, Do Well" program. This includes an online link to our school. Every Time a student or family member uses card, West gets 5%. Last year we earned \$307. Can pre-load card, and earn another 5%. Can load APP on phone too. Can also have just a

CHHSW Night, without staff as waiters, and earn 20% for that night. Promotes healthy eating too.

President's Report - Kris Walters reiterated putting all on email list, and encouraged all to stop by the PTA table to buy PG/West Wear.

Principal's Report - Dr. Morton reported on the following:

- Peer Leader Program - provides Freshman with comprehensive program that will assist students throughout 4 years. Reported this program off to a good start. 39 students were nominated by teachers to be Mentors. They were trained at Camp Ockanickon in Medford for Leadership Training. Mentors ran New Student Orientation this year.
- Meeting was held with the Editors of "Lion's Roar" - they are moving from print media to online media, to merge broadcast club to journalistic club. Will end up being some online and some print.
- Reported that 15 new staff members were hired for this academic year.
- October 1st at 7 PM is "Back to School Night" - schedules to be sent home with students on Monday 9/28 in backpack.
- Delayed opening for PSATs October 14th for 10th & 11th grades.
- Coming Attractions in the Music and Drama Departments are: Preview Concert for Choral and Instrumental Music, "Alice in Wonderland" (Children's Show), and "The Outsiders" Fall Play.
- Kennedy Health System construction/remodeling in Cherry Hill, next door to West, impacts our school, and routes for walking students. A Wing parking lot renovations will be made as a gift to West by Kennedy, to make up for these inconveniences.
- Tennis court renovation project is to make courts up to date with State regulations. Project will also add courts, and the painting of courts to be purple.
- Visitor bleachers are complete at football field. Turf project moving forward with Township.
- PARCC 2017 - questions about qualifying criteria were asked. In 2015, more than half of students in Cherry Hill opted out. PARCC to be shortened this year (condensed). Concern shared by parents in this meeting that schedule doesn't mix well with workload for students, especially AP students.

New Business - Kris Walters reported that ByLaws will be back soon from State of New Jersey. Quorum for voting was lowered. Questions by parents in this meeting about clubs, and how are they advertised. Kris and Dr. Morton reported that in the West "Weekly Bulletin" students can review information about clubs and meeting dates and time. Email Student Activities to add name.

Meeting adjourned this evening at 8:04 PM.

Kristi C. Paulson, Recording Secretary