

Cherry Hill High School West
PTA Meeting
April 20, 2016

Meeting called to order 7:08 PM in the Cafeteria.

Minutes from February 9, 2016 PTA meeting were reviewed and approved. Budget reviewed by Karen Leonard, Treasurer, and membership approved.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Connie Spencer, Chair, reported that total membership = 248 members, which includes 58 faculty and staff, and 188 parents. Discussion ensued about membership online versus continuing to send membership into school or through the mail. Now membership is totally online with State, and card can go out to members electronically. Will this help or hurt our membership?

Project Graduation - Connie Spencer, Co-Chair, reported that there were great meetings to organize BINGO. She reported that the backbone behind the BINGO night was Michelle Schmotzer and Marianne Henz, and many others that helped with set up, ticket sales, and basket organizing. Awaiting school calendar to schedule next year's BINGO night to benefit PG. Yard Sale was also very successful with 100 vendors, and a Test Drive Cars event in the parking lot. Flyers were handed out to Senior parents for PG night. Jersey Mike's will hold another fundraiser for PG on April 22nd from 5-8 PM, with 20% going to PG. Balloon sales ahead and then PROJECT GRADUATION will be held at the Katz JCC in Cherry Hill, June 16th from 10:00 PM - 4:30 PM.

Nominating Committee - Kristi Paulson handed out the Slate of Officer Candidates for the 2016-2017 West PTA Executive Board. It read as follows:

President - Jackie Caputo
VP, Ways and Means - Karen Owens and Kristen Chance
Treasurer - Karen Leonard (returning)
Hospitality - Michelle Schmid (returning)
Volunteers - Millie Hernandez
Membership - James "Spence" Spencer
Recording Secretary - Kristi Paulson (returning)

President's Report - Kris Walters reported that Teacher Appreciation Day will be held May 5th, with a luncheon being organized by Patricia Talcott. She Needs help with set up the night before and all day, Thursday, starting 7:30 AM. Colleen McQuade, Volunteers Chair, reported she will send out requests to volunteer list.

- Kris also reported that \$2000 PTA donation to the Senior Enrichment Awards will be given - to be held Friday, June 10th. 10 - \$200 awards. Letters to go out to teachers and guidance counselors, requesting names of deserving students. PTA is responsible for refreshments.

Principal's Report -

Dr. Morton congratulated students, families and staff who participated in West's Spring Musical, "The Little Mermaid." Also:

- reported that PARCC Testing will begin "in the middle of this week." Students have to pass one of the "ELA or Math or pass an alternative assessment (PSAT, SAT, ACT, etc.) in order to graduate. Dr. Morton reported "today Statewide testing center computers were down."
- 2016-2017 Calendar passed out and hoping that Back-to-School Night will be earlier in the month of September this year.
- reported that Spring sports "are in full swing," and turf field under construction, "causing some angst due to scheduling, timing and doing East's as well."
- There will be a new traffic light at Chapel & Marlborough, next to hospital and New Auditorium, and parking lot to be redesigned, as per Kennedy Health System's gratitude for inconvenience their renovations caused school district.
- Junior Prom Parent Meeting - May 2nd, 6:00 PM
- Senior Trip Parent Meeting - May 10th, 7:00 PM
- Career Day - June 2nd, 7:30 AM - noon. Need parents to participate on panels. Graduates of West to participate.
- Senior Prom - June 2nd, 6:00 PM, with Promenade planned by Junior Class, near New Auditorium.
- Graduation - June 16th, 11 AM, at Temple University, Liacouras Center on Broad Street, Philadelphia.

Next PTA meeting in combination with Project Graduation meeting at West, either in Media Center or Cafeteria, Monday June 6th, 7:00 PM.

This PTA Meeting Adjourned at: 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kristi C. Paulson, Recording Secretary