

Cherry Hill High School West
PTA Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2016
7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by **PTA President, Jackie Caputo.**

Budget for 2016-2017 reviewed by **PTA Treasurer, Karen Leonard.** "Congratulations" on the Project Graduation 2016 and money raised to enable a start up for this year of \$13,000. Motion to accept budget made, and passed.

Principal Report by Dr. Kwame Morton. Dr. Morton reported a "fantastic start to the new school year."

- NJ Monthly Magazine has moved CHHS West up 61 places into the Top 100 again.
- Football field and tennis courts updated and looking good.
- Encouraging students to "bolster" the Broadcasting program by having them provide high quality videos. PTA voted to provide extra money to the Broadcasting program to support this program.
- Review of PSAT's for October 19th - Sophomores and Juniors to take test, Freshmen and Seniors to do community related projects for the school that day.
- Traffic congestion now with new light at Chapel and Marlboro Avenues. Kennedy Health System and CHPD working on correcting this with West. Corner no longer is a crossing location. Dr. Morton reported you can cross at the stairs but no stop and drop off any longer at this location. Members of PTA meeting voiced concerns and interest in going to the CH Twp. Council Meeting to share concerns.
- Dr. Morton reported that the Anti-Defamation League's national program called "NO PLACE FOR HATE" is working with West students, faculty, staff, and parents. ONE MORE PARENT NEEDED: Kristi Paulson volunteered.
- Membership asked questions about the Sophomore and Junior combined Cotillion and Prom this year, and the information coming home with students at this time. Dr. Morton reported that students came to this decision through the Student Government. Concerns or questions that need to be addressed should be taken up with them.
- Membership also had questions this evening about how can the PTA help with improvements on the building. Interest in clubs, teams, organizations in the school coming together a few days during the year to paint, clean, renovate, etc., to lift students' spirits and increase sense of service and investment in our community.

Membership Chair, James "Spence" Spencer, reported that 49 people have joined the West PTA so far this school year, and have paid in full. Forms are either up front on table during meetings, or on website.

Project Graduation Chair, Connie Spencer, reported on fundraising projects for 2016-2017, and that the Wawa coupons continue to be very popular. Other projects include:

- PDQ Restaurant Night - October 13th, 2:30-8:00 PM. 30% profit
- BINGO Night - March 10, 2017
- SCRIPS Gift Cards for the holidays.
- Cherry Hill HS West Garden Flags and Poles - order forms available

PG Meeting List handed out, and **Graduation for 2017** was announced and it will be held **Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the Liacouras Center, Temple University.**

Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM

Next West PTA meeting to be held Monday, November 28, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi C. Paulson
Recording Secretary