

W. T. WOODSON PTSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
October 13, 2009 ☞ Woodson Library

Attendance: Alex Barron, Peter Brandman, Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, Cheryl King, Dixie Mayall, Kate Ahn, Diane Park, Joyce Bouchard, Wendy Hecker, Lorraine Reilly, Mary Ann Schock, Andy Green, Sandy Green, Rita Manfredi-Shutler, Sandy Hoch, Catherine Potter, Jeff Yost, Nell Hurley, Donna Greer, Annie Schwartz, Sandy Barron, Vicki Chamlee

I. Call to Order—President Nell Hurley called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

II. Treasurer's Report—Sandy Barron—Update on PTSO establishment: Articles of Incorporation approved by the Commonwealth of Virginia, EIN obtained, insurance in place, and nonprofit application in process (retroactive to date of incorporation). Bank accounts opened at Chevy Chase Bank, and remaining PTSA money to be moved this week.

New line item: Safety and Wellness Committee, chaired by Cheryl King.

Bricks' line item: Per Catherine Potter, for free installation to apply, first order of 150 should arrive and be installed by Rededication ceremony; otherwise, PTSO will have to pay for installation. Future brick orders must be in increments of 50+ bricks.

Sandy Hoch moved to accept the report. Approved unanimously.

III. President Statement—Nell Hurley—Submitted PTSO directors' initial Bylaws, draft Standing Rules, and Conflict of Interest Policy.

IV. Guest Speaker: Andy Green, High School Diplomats (HSD) Program—Woodson's representative to summer 2009 HSD program gave an illustrated presentation of his experiences with American and Japanese students at Princeton. Interested sophomores and juniors can apply online (www.highschooldiplomats.com). Will offer presentation to fellow students Wednesday, October 21, 2:30 p.m., Career Center.

IV. Principal's Report—Jeff Yost

A. H1N1 Flu Shots—For folks younger than 25 at Frost, October 24 and 25. Free.

B. Fairfax Times interview—Freshmen class size reflects more private school students moving to public schools in economic downturn. Frost has 600 8th graders.

C. Personnel changes—VP Pat Full moving to Oakton HS, VP Virginia Chambers retiring in November, and VP Adam Entenberg on family leave (adopting baby) shortly.

D. Rededication—Saturday, November 7—10:00 a.m., community-wide celebration with band and ceremonial cake cutting at flag pole area followed by ceremony in auditorium. Cake and tours to follow. At 7:00 p.m., auditorium to be rededicated in honor of former drama teacher Joan Bedinger. Main gym will be rededicated in honor of Red Jenkins during basketball season.

E. Renovation—Fence to be built near stadium; area behind school where construction trailers were located being regraded. Hope to fix irrigation system as well. Renovation staff quickly repaired press box's vandalism.

F. Budget—Will be worse than last year's, when 11 teachers were destaffed. Class sizes at high school level are already maxed out.

G. Parade for Homecoming next year?—Alex Barron will discuss with Leadership Class. Can include local Scout and sports groups. Banners instead of floats?

H. PSAT testing day tomorrow—Those students not taking the test can stay home, with parents' permission.

I. DIT Lot and Fence—Ms. Tessie Wilson and Mr. John Cook once again looked at the DIT Fence. Conversations about safety were positive and hopefully productive.

V. President's Report—Nell Hurley

A. Draft Bylaws and Standing Rules—Presented and explained. Initial Bylaws have been approved by PTSO's directors/officers, as required by state law; now open for discussion/revision. Need to finalize ASAP for IRS application. Will post on the Web and solicit comments and volunteers.

B. Committee Chairs—Should prepare plans for their respective committees, get expenses approved by the board, and review Conflict of Interest Policy (handout).

C. Committee Vacancies—Teacher-Student Awards/Recognition and Academic Committee, Baccalaureate, and Cav Cruise subcommittees: donations, Valentine's balloons and cakewalk, 50/50 raffle.

VI. Committee Report

A. Communications—Mondays, Lisa Weir compiles weekly WEmail notices (limit: 5,000 characters); Jeff disseminates on Wednesdays. PTSA Web page to be updated for PTSO.

B. Directories—*Sandy Hoch*—\$4,500 in sales. Jeff paid printing costs.

C. Hospitality—Report attached.

D. Special Education—*Lorraine Reilly and Mary Ann Shock*—Supplied handout. Resource for students and their parents, and will work with feeder schools.

E. Membership—*Donna Greer*—320 adults, including 12 staff, and 112 students. PayPal now operational for online membership applications; PTSO database protections in place. Jeff will disseminate membership form to staff.

F. Safety and Wellness—*Cheryl King* (happy2behome@aol.com)—Expands Woodson Coalition program. Able to cater to grade levels, using return period to reach students. Jennifer Lewis-Cooper's Woodson Coalition materials available.

VII. Reports from Reps

A. Craft Fair—*Donna Greer for Crew*—November 14. Spaces available.

VIII. New Business

A. Funding Requests—*Rita Manfredi-Shutler*—Reviewed 22 grant requests. *Caveat*: Jeff Yost will help cover balances of most requests. Sandy Hoch motioned to approve funding requests as listed on handout with Reality Parenting and Socialization request on hold, pending research on deaf and hard of hearing adaptation and whether the program successful at other schools. Motion carried (2 opposed). Awards and Recognition gift cards, done through this venue in previous years, was missing. Jeff will fund this item. Handout attached.

IX. Adjourn—9:10 p.m.

Next PTSO meeting: November 10, 2009, W. T. Woodson Library, 7:00 p.m.