

Sherwood High School PTSA Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2011

Call to Order: 7:18 pm Susan Berkheimer, PTSA President

Approval of Minutes: November PTSA Minutes (Approved by Victoria Thanos and Lisa McCarthy)

PTSA Membership update: Susan Berkheimer reported this evening for Janice Flamand and Robin McCue

- The PTSA Directory – Fred Proctor
 - Directories are ready to be handed out
 - They were distributed to the students in the K wing and then again in the main office

Treasurer Report: Courtney Springirth, CSpringirth@springirthcpa.com

Reviewed the Budget

- Basically met the goal for the Membership Direct appeal; just \$100 short
- After Prom has raised \$6,720 their goal is \$11,000
- Approved for Magruder. HS \$500 for their “Every 15 Minutes” program
- Science Fair, held May 14th, Mr. Douglas, is requesting \$800 contribution from PTSA, which is already budgeted

Corresponding Secretary: Lisa McCarthy, 301-260-1920, Mim01@aol.com

- In process of sending our staff notes

PTSA President Report: Susan Berkheimer, sherwoodptsa@gmail.com

Graduation: June 6 –2:30 pm DAR Constitution Hall

(Washington, DC) **Graduates must arrive no later than 1:30pm.**

Graduation Ticket Form are due back 3/24, they are on the Sherwood web site.

Graduation Buses

Last year 8 buses were rented, the parents gave good reviews

Renting buses for gradation were discussed again.

Buses for last year’s 2010 graduation were very hectic to handle, recommendation is that senior parents do not get involved – better for underclassmen to handle

Principal Report: Mr. Gregory, Sherwood High School Principal

- Staffing is where Sherwood HS is allowed to be.
Sherwood HS involuntary lost 14 teaching positions last year. Some of these teachers were able to transfer in the system and five new teachers had to be hired due to a retirement or someone leaving a necessary position.
- Class sizes went up to 34 students max in English classes
- A science experiment had a problem, the fire alarm was activated, and therefore staff and students were required to leave the building. The Fire Department arrived and the water alarm system was activated in the science room.
- Currently looking for a football coach, high likely that it the person will fill a needed position at Sherwood.

Committee Reports:

After Prom Update: Roni Septoff; rsep01@aol.com, 240-938-0160

- Raised \$9,000 so far – short \$4,000
- Cost of the After Prom for the Sherwood Community through the PTSA is currently estimated at \$11,000 - \$13,00
- Secure Longwood Recreation center for May 21 – 22, 2011
- The Prom is at Hyatt Bethesda is estimated to cost \$50-55 per student
- The After-Prom is \$Free, so that all students are encouraged to attend.

Theme:

- Artistic Circus Theme- Room space is well planned out for the event, Tina Velazquez

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Fundraising:

- Upcoming in April : Looking for Business Donations and Gift cards to give out as prizes
- Senior Letters went out, 10 % of the parent s generously supported, raised over \$2,000
After Prom Campaign \$20.11 Donations so the parents and community can help an event that is safe and fun for our community students. Letter sent how to all the parents <http://sherwoodptsa.org/joining-the-ptsa/after-prom/>
- Urban BBQ helped us raise \$325 in donations- for a “Dining Nite Out”, held Wednesday, March 2nd
- Katie Nardone is finding lots of great donations at the bigger stores
- IHOP is donating pancakes for morning breakfast
- Two people are working on donations, gift certificates and from tons of places to donate prizes
- The Lions Club did make a donation
- PTA from the local Elementary Schools all donated \$200 each to support their High School
- Green Turtle, is planning on donating T-Shirts and Platters
- Glow Party, Friday, March 18, 7:30 PM – 10:30 PM held at the SHS – raised some money – attendance was about 195 students
- April 1st and 2nd “NEW TO YOU” Prom Sale held at a store rented at the ReMax Building in Olney, held with Blake at the

Warrior Club: Steve Bolen

- May 23rd Ceremony for College Sign in for students who are joining college sports programs

Staff Appreciation, Co–chairs: Marguerite Shoop, mkshoop@yahoo.com, Sharlene Monroe, sharlenem901@msn.com

- **Our next event will be Secretaries Day... gifts in April**

The “Shield”

- ❖ Contact had to step down in February, currently there is no replacement

New Business

PTSA Nominating Committee: VP, Victoria Thanos 301-570-5245 tvthanos@aol.com; tvthanos@verizon.net

PTSA Board Positions

Which Positions need to be filled?

How many years is each position operational? President 2-3 years?

Sherwood PTSA Bylaws

Sherwood filed PTSA Bylaws required, currently template is available

Sherwood’s Bylaws are expiring May 2011

MCCPTA Delegate; Montgomery County Council of Parent Teacher Association

Co-chairs: Tina & Ricardo Velazquez; trvelazquez@yahoo.com, Abi Adebawale-Eyo, Adebawalea@verizon.net

Presenter this evening: Ricardo Velazquez

Adopted March 2011 Resolution on Support for Maryland High School Students being Eligible for In-State Tuition at Maryland Public Colleges and Universities

Currently

- Montgomery County Public Schools and all U.S. public schools provide the right of education to all

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children attending school through grade 12, regardless of federal immigration status.

- The University System of Maryland does not grant in-state tuition to undocumented students; the 2010-11 out-of-state and in-state tuition at the University of Maryland, College Park, is \$24,800 and \$8,400, respectively.
- **Be it resolved that:**
 1. MCCPTA supports charging in-state tuition, rather than out-of-state tuition, for all Maryland residents who have graduated from Maryland secondary schools.

 2. MCCPTA supports the passage of Maryland State Senate Bill 167 and Maryland State House Bill 470 that establish the conditions for public state universities to grant in-state tuition to undocumented students who have attended secondary school in Maryland for at least 2 years and whose parent or guardian has had Maryland income tax withheld during the year prior to the individual graduating from school, among other requirements.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rachel Maines, PTSA Secretary