

## Sherwood High School PTSA Meeting Minutes May 18, 2010

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Present: Attendance Taken

The PTSA meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Rhonda Molleur

Membership Report - Judy Knapp

- Present - No updates
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Treasurer's Report – Janice Flamand

- Current budget issues were discussed
  
  - Two big Sherwood parent supported projects that are in need of funding
  - “Every 15 minutes” received almost \$3,000 in PTSA + contribution support
  - “After Prom” Received \$13, 557.42 in PTSA funding
- Other Projects:
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| Graduation Bus:       | \$2,472.00 |
| Directory Publication | \$3,145.00 |
| PTSA scholarship:     | \$2,025.50 |

**President's Report** – Rhonda Molleur [afmolleur@aol.com](mailto:afmolleur@aol.com)

Voted in the New President, Vice President and the PTSA Board for Sherwood High School Year: 2010 – 11

**Sherwood High School PTSA Officers 2010 – 2011**

We are pleased to announce the following have been unanimously voted into office and will be serving as your PTSA

**Executive Board for 2010-2011**

President	Susan Bernheimer
First Vice President	Joelle Genevish
Second Vice President	<i>Teacher Representative (to be determined)</i>
Third Vice President	<i>Student Representative (to be determined)</i>
Fourth Vice President	Victoria Thanos
Treasurer	Courtney Springirth
Recording Secretary	Rachel Maines
Corresponding Secretary	Lisa McCarthy
Delegate	Abi Adebawale
Delegate	<i>Open</i>

➤ **Still In Need of Two Important Committees: *Membership and Directory***

- Graduation Buses:
- 5 FILLED PTSA buses are going to D.A.R. Constitution Hall (Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 D Street, NW Washington, DC 20006-5303) 55 people to a Chartered ; buses not filled to capacity  
\$10- \$12 per ticket -Leave at the same time as the Sherwood staff  
Handicapped Accessible  
6 blocks from Farragut West

Bus suggestion for the future : Manage buses with the Graduation tickets  
Get cell number of each Bus Drivers – so they can be tracked

- Student Award Banquet Tuesday –25<sup>th</sup>: Scholarship Students are honored, only these students are invited

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- After Prom Theme: "Hollywood Stars"

This is a significant agenda item for the Students and The Sherwood Community

The Sherwood community & parents help is needed for a successful Prom evening ~

Things Needed:

Funding, parent – moms & dads are needed to get involved – we can find you a job to do, finding give always gifts; and helping with the food management for the evening

### Principal's Report – Principal Gregory

- Looking forward to continue working with the PTSA and Board for 2010 -2011
- End of Year Packet mailed out to parents

### Elimination of Loss of Credit Practice based on Attendance

The Board of Education discussed the recommendation of the Loss of Credit Project Team, a group representing teachers, administrators, central services staff, parents and students. The project team was charged with reviewing the circumstances under which credit for a class would be lost. After a thorough review of student achievement and attendance data, attendance policies of neighboring jurisdictions, and other information, the team recommended that the practice of denying credit for classes based on attendance be eliminated starting with the 2010–2011 school year. That recommendation has been accepted.

Unlawful absences will be considered disciplinary infractions. Furthermore, students will be expected to make up missed work regardless of the legal status of their absence, in accordance with Regulation IKA-RA, Grading and Reporting. A team has been convened to coordinate implementation and communication of the project team recommendation. "I am extremely pleased that the loss of credit practice will be removed from our schools," said Student Member of the Board Timothy Hwang. "This will allow our focus to return to the importance of students attending school and address the causes for lack of attendance, rather than the bureaucratic paper documentation for loss of credit."

### Graduation DAR Constitution Hall, 2:30 p.m.

Please send back any tickets you will not need.

Graduating seniors will receive 5 tickets per family at graduation rehearsal on Friday, May 28. A lottery will be held to distribute extra tickets (beyond the guaranteed maximum of 5 tickets).

DAR Constitution is very strict on their graduation starting times, ceremony will most likely last two hour exactly due to their strict schedule

### Placement, Promotion, Acceleration, and Retention

- Intervention for Student Course Promotion Policy

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, when a student in grades 9-12 is not attaining the course objectives, they will not be able to be promoted ahead until the course objectives are met. If these strategies are not successful, the Educational Management Team will modify the plan. Parents/guardians and students will be included in the process.

- Students will be required to pass annual Math and English courses

### Committee Reports

Every 15 minutes Event: Sharon St.Pierre [stpierre619@verizon.net](mailto:stpierre619@verizon.net) 301-774-3205

Program was held on Monday, April 26th and Tuesday, April 27th.

Every 15 Minutes is a national program designed to help high school juniors and seniors realize the unnecessary tragedies that can result from unsafe decisions made when driving. The program is named after the statistic when

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it began in the 1990's, that someone in the United States died every 15 minutes from an alcohol-related accident. The statistic is now almost every 40 minutes, so it does reach a significant number of teenage drivers

- Program came together very successfully, very compelling and powerful
- Timelines were close - send out information sooner
- The students were very engaged and quiet during most of the instruction and presentations.
- Excellent Teacher – Parent - Student support:  
62 students volunteered – 49 students are needed - was very strong,  
next time the students in current athletic programs should be allowed to volunteer even if the program conflicts a bit with playtime
- The 3 student videographers did an amazing job
- Try to hold Program every two years!
- *Washington Post* is planning on doing a write-up

### After Prom: Rhonda Molleur [afmolleur@aol.com](mailto:afmolleur@aol.com)

The After Prom Food and Entertainment is a wonderful event, nicely structured, lots to do, professional entertainment, card games, movies to see or the students can just lounge around run from 12pm to 5pm. The goal of “After Prom” is to give our students a safe and an exciting environment all at the same time.

Theme for this year 2010 for the “After Prom Party “is classic “Hollywood Style”

- Currently on a Tight Budget...due to donations being lower than average- word is getting out that donations are needed
- Prom is in May 22nd weekend ... Parents are all needed both Moms and Dads -It is fun getting involved
- Parent and community support is strong for this event

### Currently Needed:

Donations of all kinds: money – your time – gift cards –wall decorations

- Parents are needed prior to the event to set up art work and décor themes
- Need volunteers to bake food per the Prom Food Committee Suggestions

### On the day of Prom parents are needed

- Overall about 100 parents are need the day of the event
- Need about 20 parents to help with food the day of the event
  - ✓ To set up the room – food the Friday afternoon before and Saturday the day of Prom
  - ✓ To help out the evening of the event between 11:30 pm – 5 am
- 4 Middle School Parents – from each school - are ready to go with decoration reuse – they are come at 5am to collect their assigned decorations – They are a big help with cleanup and it helps to get the community to understand the event.

### Beautification Committee: Pat Mucci, [pmmucci@aol.com](mailto:pmmucci@aol.com)

- Ertzman Courtyard has added a bench
- There is a bridge over the drainage area

The PTA adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Maines