

PTSA Minutes for the February 19, 2013 Meeting

Called to Order 7:10 pm

Minutes approved by Roni Septoff / Marguerite Shoop

PTSA Officers school year 2012-2013

Slate is as follows:

President	Susan Berkheimer,	sherwoodpts@gmail.com
First Vice President	Roni Septoff,	rsept01@aol.com
Second Vice President	*	
Teacher Representative	*	
Third Vice President	An Appointed Student Representative	
Fourth Vice President	Tina Velazquez	trvelazquez@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Jody Wisor,	wisorcjcjk@aol.com
Recording Secretary	Rachel Maines,	rachel@aabb.org
Corresponding Secretary	Carole Levy	clevymd@yahoo.com
Delegate	Michael Ibanez	
MCCPTA Delegate:	Position Open	
NCAACP Rep (Parent Council of Representative)	Melody Bell,	mcbell15@gmail.com

Unfilled Positions - PTSA Committee Volunteers

Beautification Committee – Organize Sherwood Grounds

PTSA Membership – Organize the membership drive and funds and the Directory

PTSA Hospitality - Organize drinks and snacks for PTSA meeting events

Treasurer's Report – Jody Wisor, wisorcjcjk@aol.com

Jody went over the Sherwood's PTSA operating budget.

The Revised budget needs to be approved at the March 2013 meeting.

\$50 contribution for the PTSA partnership with NAACP Community Outreach

PTSA pledge funds for Parmethean Boards will be meet with matching Montgomery county funds

There is a County Science Fair That Sherwood contributes too/ Sherwood will not hold a School Science Fair this year.

Contribution to the Sherwood Beautification Committee - \$300 for a Living Wall on the Sherwood grounds.

Membership is down slightly, which is caused to somewhat to a decrease in the actual number of families attending Sherwood, even though the student population is similar.

Membership -

No report

Direct Appeal –

No report

President- Susan Berkheimer, sherwoodpts@gmail.com.301-370-1489

Roni Septoff gave the report – Susan was absent

Prom Buses Confirmed-

- Coach Buses will be available for a fee of \$ 18.00 per student.
- The Coach Buses will take the students back and forth to the Odyssey Boat in Washington DC from Longwood Recreation

After Prom

Theme: Black & White Masquerade

After Prom Budget :

Budget is currently very Tight

Cost to run this program is about \$12,000. Another \$4,000 is needed from the parent community.

Parent and Community contributions are greatly needed

Contribution Ideas:

- money for event
- Parent Time from volunteers - for event set up – the event itself - and event cleanup
- Donations for student giveaways
 - Gift cards, Gas cards, Car wash certificates, Visa, Master Card,
 - new cameras, GPS, Ipod, electronic gadgets.
- PTSA's GOAL for the "After Prom", is to present an Amazing, Safe & Fun Event for our students

Graduation

- Graduation ceremony for the Class of 2013 will be on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 2:30pm at DAR Constitution Hall, Washington, DC
- Looking into Coach Buses for graduation

Principal's Report: Mr. Gregory, Sherwood High School Principal

Absent – sick

PTSA Nominating Committee Chairman, Tina Velazquez, Sherwood HS PTSA 4th Vice President

Contact Tina Velazquez tmjvelazquez@yahoo.com 301-774-8269

- Sherwood HS PTSA will be electing new leadership in the spring.
- The vacant offices are: PTSA President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary.
- PTSA meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15th we will be forming a nominating committee.
- Please contact or join us so that we will be able to have a quorum and vote for a nominating committee to begin working with prospective interest parties.
- If you cannot make the PTSA meeting and would like to be a part of the nominating committee, please contact me.

Each nominee:

1. Must be a PTA member.
2. Must be enthusiastic and supportive of PTA.
3. Must believe in the basic policies and purposes of the PTA.
4. Must be fair and objective and concerned for the best interests of PTA.
5. Should be willing to attend training.
6. Should have some knowledge of the organization and its role in the school and in the community.
7. Should be willing to give PTA a satisfactory level of priority and commitment, including attendance at meetings.
8. Should be able to work well with people.

Corresponding Secretary,

No new report

Staff Appreciation, Co-chairs: Staff Appreciation

Co-chairs Contacts :

Marguerite Shoop, mkshoop@yahoo.com, 301-570-1268, Sharlene Monroe, sharlenem901@msn.com, Sharlene@LongandFoster.com 301-648-2025

Next upcoming event: End of the year Luncheon with donated desserts and gift cards

Annual Events:

The committee's plans for the year are a combination of donated treats and purchases:

Halloween candy treats
Autumn breakfast
December holiday treats
Valentine Treats
Administrative Day gifts
End of the year Luncheon with donated desserts

Goal: Our Committee's goal is to show the 220+ teachers and staff of Sherwood H.S. how much we appreciate them, their interest in our children's well-being, and their dedication to the job. We do this by providing savory sweets and baked items throughout the school year, and culminate with a huge luncheon at year's end.

Because we don't have enough money in our budget to do this alone, we ask for parental support throughout the year to provide these treats.

The "Every 15 Minutes" Program:

- This Event is held bi-annually and Sherwood will hold it this year April 2014.

Update:

Reports are stating that the "Every 15 Minutes" program has a low impact on reducing the impact of Alcohol on Minors

Options: Alcohol Awareness, programs with a lasting awareness
Possible change over to Dare Awareness

After Prom, Roni Septoff; Chairperson, RSEP01@aol.com

After Prom Décor set up, Tina Velazquez, trvelazquez@yahoo.com

- Contact Roni Septoff , RSEP01@aol.com
- Class of 2013 - Senior Prom –Friday Evening, May 17th , 500 tickets for the Odyssey Cruise
- After Prom is , Saturday 12 am – 4 am , "Lock In"
- Coach Buses are arranged to go from Longwood to the DC Odyssey Cruise ship to pick up and drop off the students

The GOAL of After Prom – is to present an Amazing, Safe & Fun Event for our students

After Prom Facts

- After Prom will be held Friday night to Saturday morning.
- Typically, After Prom has been held Saturday night into Sunday morning.
- 675 students attended "After Prom" last year
- Bingo was a bit hit last year
- To be held at Longwood Recreation Center, Friday evening until Saturday morning
- Possible Entertainment: Standup Comedian – approximate for their age group

After Prom Budget

- This event cost approximately \$12,000
- The PTSA community completely funds this event with your help
- Last year 225 people gave the \$20,12 donation or more to support After Prom

Donation Requests, per all Seniors and Juniors Parents

We ask every Senior parent to PLEASE consider a donation of at least \$20.13 to After-Prom. You do not have to go to Prom to attend After-Prom. After-Prom is a post Prom event that has been free to students for the past 25 years. After-Prom provides a safe environment for post Prom festivities.

After Prom Guidelines:

Tickets for the After Prom – Will be handed out prior to prom / after prom

Students who attend by party bus, the buses have to register on site that evening with the county.

*10 day suspensions – very strict policy – Can miss graduation if in deliberation over an incident.

Topics: Alcohol Regulations

Alcohol use equals no graduation

Fines average \$2000 and are the responsibility of the parent

Homeowners are responsible

Prom night Party Bus rules: all students have to be registered for the After Prom Event.

After prom Theme Décor/ Volunteers

Each area of Longwood Recreation is going to look like different area of a cruise ship.

Volunteers are needed all night.

Students can receive SSL hours for helping with set up and decorations

Graduation Buses: Roni Septoff, rseptoff@sightsoundsupport.com;RSEP01@aol.com

During the 2011 Graduation 3 buses were hired, for both students and parents.

The Bus Drivers direct the timelines, so that the requirements to getting to the event can be made

MCCPTA Delegates - Arpana Verma; asverma93@gmail.com ; Richard Velazquez; trvelazquez@yahoo.com

No new update

Sherwood Cluster Coordinator –Tina Velazquez, trvelazquez@yahoo.com

Meeting held Thursday, March 14th at 7:30pm, hosted by Greenwood Elementary School.

- Melody Bell, our NAACP Sherwood Cluster Representative gave a recap on the recent presentation "Tribute to African-American Students: Growth and Achievement in MCPS." She shared ideas how PTA's can work in partnership with NAACP.
- Heard from our Cluster Superintendent Dr. Myra Smith regarding MCPS recent updates
- Discussed the progress of the MCCPTA Postcard campaign in support of the Operating and CIP Budgets.

Submitted by,
Rachel Maines, PTSA Secretary

Adjourned 8:40 pm