

PTSA Minutes for the March 20, 2012 Meeting Final

Called to Order 7:24 pm

February 2012 Minutes Approved at PTSA March 2012 meeting by Roni Septoff / Amy Matathias

Attendance: Attached

PTSA Officers school year 2011-2012, Victoria Thanos; VP; thanos@aol.com;

Slate is as follows:

President	Susan Berkheimer, sherwoodptsa@gmail.com
First Vice President	Roni Septoff, rseptoff@sightsoundssupport.com
Second Vice President	*
Teacher Representative	Sandi Williams, Sandi_L_Williams@mcpsmd.org
Third Vice President	An Appointed Student Representative
Fourth Vice President	Victoria Thanos, thanos@aol.com ;
Treasurer	Courtney Springirth, CSpringirth@springirthcpa.com
Recording Secretary	Rachel Maines, rachel@aabb.org
Corresponding Secretary	Lisa McCarthy, l.mccarthy@aol.com
Delegate	Ricardo Velazquez, trvelazquez@yahoo.com
Delegate	Arpana Verma, asverma93@gmail.com
NCAACP Rep (Parent Council of Representative)	Melody Bell, mcbell15@gmail.com

PTSA Committee Volunteers (Unfilled 2011 – 12)

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

Nominations for the 2012-2013 PTSA Executive Board: Victoria Thanos, thanos@aol.com

Elections for the 2012–2013 PTSA Executive Board **will be held at the May 15th PTSA Meeting.**

Deadline for the nomination is April 25th but nominations from the floor are allowed at the May 15th PTSA Meeting

PTSA Nominations Sought for:

4th Vice President
Corresponding Secretary
MCCPTA Delegate

- Brief descriptions of all the PTSA officer's duties can be found on the Sherwood High School Site under PTSA on the [PTSA Nomination Form](#)

Treasurer's Report – Courtney Springirth; CSpringirth@springirthcpa.com

The treasurer was not able to attend the meeting. Budget update was not given.

Membership - Jennifer Mazur, BJ Mills

No new report

Direct Appeal – Janice Flamand, jflamand@comcast.net

No new report

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

Currently working on:

After prom
Graduation
Senior night
PTSA positions filled for the 2012 -13 school year

PTSA scholarship – to be handed out at the Senior Award Ceremony

Informing parents: That the 3rd Quarter ends before Spring Break - Report cards distributed Thursday April 12th

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

Staffing for school year 2012 -13

- Planning on staffing for 2069 students. Cuts are not expected to be large since the student body is remaining the same.

Staffing Changes – Security Staffing Concerns

- Possible Security staffing changes will be confirmed by May
- Considered decreases might take place with the Sherwood Security Staff. High School Security staffing is not just based by Montgomery County on the size of the student body.
- Montgomery County's final budget is not approved. Sherwood HS is trying to work with the school board to ensure that security personnel are accurate for our student body and school grounds.
- School Security personnel are very important and provide visible prevention for both the students and staff.

There is good information about Sherwood HS's, budgets and staffing listed on the Montgomery County Public School Site. Several links are:

□ **Superintendent's Operating Budget Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2013**

Summary Points: from Superintendent of Schools Joshua P. Starr

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/FY2013/superintendent/pdf/OperatingBudgetRecommendedFY2013-Summary.pdf>

□ The attached link is the **Sherwood HS School statics at a glance for school personnel and students:**

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/regulatoryaccountability/glance/currentyear/schools/04503.pdf>

□ Shared Accountability> School Safety and Security at a Glance:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/regulatoryaccountability/SafetyGlance/>

□ Annual Report on the Strategic Plan reported (July 2011)

MCPS uses a systematic method called the Process Design and Improvement Process (PDIP) to improve the overall operational performance of key business services is explained use community and parent feedback as part of their process:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/about/strategicplan/annualreport/pdf/2011AnnualReport.pdf>

The Parent Information Nights -for the Sherwood Parent High School Community

The freshman Monday information sessions had a low parent turnout. When information was sent out thorough the PTSA Yahoo group to let parents know about the meeting the sophomore and junior meetings had better turnout later in the week.

- Information Sessions: Freshman was held Monday-19th, sophomores- Wednesday, March 21st and juniors – Thursday-22nd

Corresponding Secretary, Lisa McCarthy, l.mccarthy@aol.com

No new report

Staff Appreciation, Co-chairs: Staff Appreciation, Co-chairs: 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

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: Sharon St. Pierre; stpierre619@verizon.net, Rhonda Molleur; afmolleur@aol.com, Janice Flamand; jflamand@comcast.net

This Event is only held bi-annually and Sherwood will hold it this year April 26 -27, 2012.

Program updates

- Students were selected for the program, application process completed
- 50 students are involved in the program as volunteers
- These 50 students will be involved in an overnight – with no cell phones
- Letters mailed home
- March 1st, at 7pm was the parent meeting for the students that are participating

Some Area Updates

- Channel 9 is doing a TV series on Drinking; it will be on their web site
- Brave & Bold – Huge increase in parents throwing parties with their students
- MC Police- "Don't Serve our Kids" officers speaking on what happens to the Parents
- EVENTS that are not sponsored through Sherwood PTSA - Montreal Buses and Myrtle Beach Buses

Facebook account, Become a Fan: of every 15 Minutes

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherwood-High-School-Every-15-Minutes/204039786332254#!/pages/Sherwood-High-School-Every-15-Minutes/204039786332254>

Program will be held at Sherwood High School (PTSA Sponsored program) April 26 -27, 2012.

- 2 day program with a series of events
- Covers dangerous activities/sleeping/ and texting while driving
- Parents: Attend the October 26 meeting at 7pm in the Media Center
- Students: Attend the October 26 meeting at 7pm in the Media Center. At the meeting we will talk about roles for student participants and the timeline for distribution of applications
- Reviewing timeline and volunteer positions

Parent Volunteer Sign ups –available

There are several volunteer positions open volunteer go to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA4AF23A13-every>

After Prom **Roni Septoff; Chairperson;** rseptoff@sightsoundssupport.com; RSEP01@aol.com

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

Class of 2013 - next year's Senior Prom –

Will be held on a Friday, the upcoming senior class of 2013 picked the Odyssey Cruise

This means Next years After Prom would be Friday night to Saturday morning. Typically, After Prom has been held Saturday night into Sunday morning.

Working on Raising Funds

Every student/ parent is encouraged to donate \$20.12, for their graduating year of 2012, higher donations are always welcome.

Event cost approximately \$15,000 to hold, we are fairly close to raising all of the needed funds.

“New” - After Prom Auction

Items are posted by Ann Bent and Amy Matathias

Items are listed as i.e.:“After-Prom Deal of The Day: Local Dinning”

Online Auction listings are going well

In a few short weeks we have raised \$720 dollars

The items posted by the companies are well circulated with the Olney Exchange Group and by the Sherwood High School Yahoo Group

Working on Weekly Auction Items (A cruise was donated, it will be auctioned off.)

*Donations still needed: Please donate any gift cards, money, and items.

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 – will miss graduation if drinking – very strict policy

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

Topics: Alcohol Regulations

Alcohol use equals no graduation

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

Homeowners are responsible

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

- 675 Students attended “After Prom” last year
- Bingo was a bit hit last year
- To be held at Longwood Recreation Center
- Possible Entertainment: Stand up Comedian – approximate for their age group

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](mailto:asverma93@gmail.com) ; Richard Velazquez; trvelazquez@yahoo.com

No new update

Sherwood Cluster Coordinator – Virginia Twombly, vctwombly@verizon.net and Tina Velazquez, trvelazquez@yahoo.com

Ongoing – information

Montgomery county Board of Education – <http://www.mccpta.com>

MCCPTA Update on Superintendent's Proposed FY 2013 Operating Budget

http://www.mccpta.com/opBudg_dir/2011-2012/120125_FY2013_Operating_Budget.pdf

Submitted by,
Rachel Maines, PTSA Secretary

Adjourned 8:10pm