

## **PTSA Minutes for the April 16, 2013 Meeting**

**Called to Order 7:15 pm**

**Minutes approved by** Roni Septoff, / Jody Wisor

The next PTSA meeting will be Thursday May 23.

This change is due to the academic awards ceremony that is be held on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **PTSA Officers school year 2012-2013**

#### **Slate is as follows:**

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

#### **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**

Discussion on the PTSA \$1,000 contribution for tech support for Sherwood HS

#### **Membership -**

No report

#### **Direct Appeal –**

No report

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

Several staffing changes are going to take place at Sherwood HS.

- Main Office, BJ, is retiring July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Assistant Principal, James T. Heintze, is being transferred, Montgomery County manages the principal staff
- Assistant School Administrator, George Awkard, Jr.
- Principal Development Program, will bring in James Aldridge, as an intern principal position

Change in the Montgomery County Principal meetings;

- The County Superintendent, Dr. Starr, is changing the meeting structure for the principals, the county administration staff is going directly to the schools.
- The principal meetings by Cluster area will no longer be a “standard” or required.
- Cluster area Principals, were gathering monthly for cluster meetings this is no longer arranged and required by the county
- The Sherwood area school cluster; which includes Sherwood High School, 2 middle schools and 4 elementary schools; is going to continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays of every month. The Sherwood cluster principals agreed that these meetings help identify the needs of the students in our area.

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

**The May PTSA meeting**

- The next PTSA meeting will be Thursday May 23.  
This change is due to the academic awards ceremony that is being held on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The May PTSA meeting will announce the new PTSA board. Please attend and vote.

**Graduation**

- The Ceremony at DAR runs about 90 minutes
- Sherwood class of 2013 is 2<sup>nd</sup> in line that day for graduation- there is a Graduation Ceremony before Sherwood
- Recommendations: – No Bags, Low heels, white or light outfits for the girls since their robes are white

**Prom**

- The Prom is an event managed and run by Sherwood High School and Staff
- 462 Prom tickets were sold so far
- ESOL students, Prom Ticket Donations
  - 10 Donated Prom Tickets, were donated for the ESOL students
  - A Sherwood Staff Fundraiser, raised the majority of money for these tickets
  - One local family donated Two Prom Tickets for the ESOL students

**After Prom**

- This is a PTSA event , PTSA distributed the AP tickets and sold the Bus tickets
- Anne Barood; [barood@verizon.net](mailto:barood@verizon.net)  
Anne used a program called “Sign Up Genius” to organize the volunteers positions for the After Prom
- Two Troops, a Girl Scout Troop and a Boy Scout Troop, volunteered to help with set up and with helping to organize the duffel bags at Longwood Community Center that afternoon and evening

**Prom Buses**

- This is a PTSA run program
- 5 Buses, 51 tickets per bus, were sold by the PTSA
- PTSA is contributing \$0.50 cents per student ticket
- The 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
- Buses will be arriving at Longwood by 5:45 and leaving Longwood at 6:15, The Odyssey is planning to leave the dock at 8pm
- Students Returning to Longwood after the Prom:
  - > On the return trip students MUST ride on the same bus they came on.  
Example: If you are on the orange bus to prom you are on the orange bus from prom
  - > Students get dropped off at Longwood.
  - > If they are attending After-Prom they can check in, retrieve their checked bag and change their clothes.
  - > If they are returning to After-Prom they can arrive no later than 2:00 am.
  - > Busses are expected to arrive at Longwood at 12:45 am

**After Prom Report**

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**After Prom**

Theme: Black & White Masquerade

PTSA's GOAL for the “After Prom”, is to present an Amazing, Safe & Fun Event for our students

- **Lots of Food, Poker/ Blackjack, Games, Cake Walk, Family Feud, Movie, Pop Corn Machine**
- **Minute to Win It**
- **Highlight Event of the Evening – The Famed Hypnotist, Jason Lynette**

**After Prom Budget:** currently the After Prom is still very tight

- Still Looking to collect \$2,000K
- Cost to run this program is about \$12,000, Another \$4,000 is needed from the parent community.
- **Parent & Community – your contributions are greatly needed**
- **Contribution Ideas - that are still needed for this event:**
  - money for running the event
  - Parent volunteers time; 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 electronic gadgets. Cameras, GPS, Ipod

**Corresponding Secretary,** Carole Levy, MD [clevymd@yahoo.com](mailto:clevymd@yahoo.com)

Here is a list of the cards I have sent and will be sending on behalf of the SHS PTSA this year, with information given to me from BJ Mills, Admin. Assistant at SHS:

Sympathy card to Mr. Gregory on the passing of his father last July,  
Baby boy congrats to Mr. (and Mrs.) Sartori, also July,  
Wedding congrats to Leisa Duncan and her new husband, last one for July, 2012,  
Wedding congrats to Nicole Bolton and her new husband (April, 2013),  
I have cards for two babies that are pending (Britani Greco and Caitlin Ring) and Ms. Mills will let me know of their safe delivery before I send them,  
and  
I have one more card to send wedding congrats to Alison Shafer and her new spouse (pending early June, 2013).

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

**Co-chairs Contacts :**

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**Next upcoming event: End of the year Sherwood Staff 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.

**MCCPTA Delegates - Richard Velazquez; [trvelazquez@yahoo.com](mailto:trvelazquez@yahoo.com)**

No new update

**Sherwood Cluster Coordinator –Tina Velazquez, [trvelazquez@yahoo.com](mailto:trvelazquez@yahoo.com)**

**Business Matter currently on the table: The County Council Operating Budget Testimony April 9 – 11, 2013**

Tina Velazquez, Sherwood Cluster Coordinator Gave testimony from Montgomery County PTSA to show support for the Montgomery County's Operating Budget.

- The Operating Budget statement is posted on the MCCPTA website  
[http://www.mccpta.org/Operating\\_Budget.html](http://www.mccpta.org/Operating_Budget.html)
- Tina testified at this meeting, April 9, between 7:00-7:20pm.
- Tina was asked to attend again, on April 10<sup>th</sup>, to support MCCPTA by the MCCPTA President.

Points from the MCCPTA

- The Montgomery County PTA Community, MCCPTA, did want to show support for Dr. Starr's Budget Plan.
- PTSA also want to build a relationship with the District Councilman
- Per MCCPTA, the Montgomery County Operating Budget in somewhat of a flux.
- Local money is secure and State money uncertain
- The County PTSA and our local PTSA Clusters feel they have a great working relationship with Dr. Starr and wanted to show their support.
- The state of Maryland announced this budget testimony assembly two weeks prior to the last PTSA meeting.
- Tina also spent a great deal of time actively supporting and campaigning for the **MCCPTA ONE VOICE POSTCARD CAMPAIGN**
- MCCPTA is asking our 190 PT(S)As and nearly 44,000 members to act together in "one voice" on behalf of our students by participating in a countywide postcard campaign.
- To garner support from our County Council for funding for education, they ask all members to fill out a postcard and let our local elected officials know we support students and are part of one voice!
- Postcards were distributed at our February Delegates Assembly; additional postcards are available from the MCCPTA office which can be reached via email at [office@mccpta.com](mailto:office@mccpta.com).

Submitted by,  
Rachel Maines, PTSA Secretary

Adjourned 9:00 pm