

PTSO Meeting Minutes March 18, 2021

Attendees via Zoom

Neera Bhatia, Michelle Ritchie, Mary Warden, Molli Hamilton, Kimberly Greene, Ted Stewart, Katrina Cimorelli, Jason Pauley, Suzanne Ernste, Elizabeth Warner, Olivia Kaddar, Maureen Kaddar, Tonya Sabin, Jeff O'Neil

Call to Order by Neera Bhatia

Secretary Report Neera shared Minutes from February 2021 meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Molli Hamilton made a motion to approve minutes as written. Neera Bhatia seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Approval of agenda Mary Warden made a motion to approve the agenda and Molli Hamilton seconded the motion. All were in favor

Old Business –

Bylaws: Final vote

Neera Bhatia presented the revisions with ByLaws for approval. The ByLaws were posted on the UHS PTSO website for the past several weeks for member to make comments. No one at the meeting made any new comments. Molli Hamilton made a motion to approve the ByLaws as written. Debbie Mulhall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Fundraising Campaign: Molli Hamilton reported that we are completing the fundraising campaign and parents are sending in donations.

Activities for students: No committee members had any updates on activities for students.

PTSO dues: Neera Bhatia reminded the committee that members need to pay \$ 5.00 to be a voting member. Members can send money to Kendryn McDonough.

[Paypal: keni619@AOL.com](mailto:keni619@AOL.com)

Venmo: @kendryn-mcdonough

Zelle: 3046846158

Outreach to incoming Freshman parents: Michelle Richie created a letter to send to incoming freshman parents. Debbie Mulhall recommended contacting the officers of PTOs of the middle schools and then inviting those parents of 8th graders that have been involved in the middle school PTO.

Mrs. Greene suggested that the PTSO could send the invitation letter to the principals to share with the middle school parents.

The PTSO officers hope to have some of the 8th grade parents join us for the April meeting.

Mrs. Greene is still hoping to plan a Step-up day the week after graduation.

New Business

Senior Class Activities: Suzanne Ernstes (senior class advisor) reports that the senior class has not been able to perform the usual fund-raising events this year and not all of the seniors have paid their senior class dues. Suzanne currently has around \$2000 to spend. She is able to cover the food for the senior breakfast on May 7th, which is also White Day.

The school will also hold a senior picnic on May 14th. For the picnic she reports she can cover the cost of the chicken nuggets and pretzels

She needs following donations for 325 students: bottles of water, individually wrapped cookie, and bags of chips.

Molli Hamilton volunteered to contact Insomnia cookies. Molli will also forward the list of parents who have volunteered to help with senior class activities.

Susan asked for list of possible volunteers to be emailed to sernstes@k12.wv.us

Debbie Mulhall will reach out and ask PTSO members if they are willing to donate the needed items. Neera and other committee members stated that PTSO will cover the cost of the other items that are not donated.

Mrs. Greene mentioned that she also plans to have a senior award event.

Senior showcase will be May 13th.

Graduation will be May 21st at 7 PM

PTSO Officer positions for 2021-22 school year: Neera asked if anyone on the Zoom meeting is interested in being a new officer for PTSO.

Neera Bhatia and Michelle Ritchie will both be leaving their Co- President positions.

Molli Hamilton nominated Debbie Mulhall for President. Debbie Mulhall accepted the nomination for next year's PTSO president.

No other nominations for officer positions were made. Molli Hamilton and Mary Warden agreed to remain in their current positions (Vice President and Secretary) for the following year if no one else is interested in serving in these positions.

Next meeting will be April 15, 2021. We hope to get additional members to attend the meeting and perhaps we will have other parents interested in officer positions or committee positions.

No meetings will be held in May or June.

In July/August the officers will hold a planning meeting.

PTSO Committee Reports

Lucy's Dreamweavers: Boots for student were donated by Annette Marsh. PTSO donated gift cards for two families who recently lost family members.

Staff Appreciation: Debbie Mulhall reports that they provided Apple Annie's Cookies for teachers. Debbie asked for suggestions for May 3-7th for Teacher Appreciation week. The food has to be prepackaged.

Beautification/Environmental: Mrs. Greene reports that they got funding for the major construction for the outdoor dining area. It will also have a stage. It is located to the right of the student's entrance. The county will offer the job for interested parties to bid on.

Fundraising: Discussed above.

Senior Class Activities: Discussed above. Mrs. Greene is still working on a dinner for the senior class. They are not allowed to have the prom.

Student Recognition: Mrs. Greene asked one of the secretaries to contact Jill Wolter and Jill reported that she is still working on the recognition wall.

Public Relations/Communications: Charmin Lerfald continues to post for PTSO information on social media. She was not present on the Zoom meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Kendryn was not present for the meeting but she reported the following information via email:

PTSO: \$27, 394.96

After - Prom: \$9,822.27

We had 8 members pay dues = \$40

We had \$3,575.00 in donations

She reports that she is \$149.95 off in balancing the budget. She plans to review the records and receipts again this weekend to see what she is missing, and she will notify the officers.

Student Report Elizabeth Warner is excited about all of the Senior activities that are getting planned, and she offered assistance from senior class students if it was needed.

Administration Report: April 13th SAT will be offered at the school for all juniors.

- Students have returned to school. UHS attendance has been around 650 students daily, which is half of the normal enroll of 1330 students. All of the teachers that wanted a vaccination have received their first dose. The school administration is working with the county on "Credit recover activities" for high-risk students.

Close Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

The next UHS PTSO MEETING: April 15, 2021 @ 6pm