

**Arlington High School PTSA**  
**1157 Route 55, LaGrangeville, NY 12540**

## **AHS PTSA Minutes - 2/19/25**

The meeting was held in person at AHS with a virtual option for those who could not attend in person. Colleen Tkazyik called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

It was determined that a quorum was present with 12 members in attendance.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Colleen welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting and thanked them for joining us.

### **Approve January Minutes - Paula Morro Wrafter**

Paula presented the January minutes which were also shared via email prior to the meeting.

A motion to accept the January minutes as presented was made by Erica DeTraglia and seconded by Rachel Birsner. All members in attendance approved this motion.

### **President's Report - Colleen Tkazyik**

Colleen shared that the Wizards fundraiser was very successful for the District and a fun day. All the volunteers were amazing. A total of \$30,126 was made at the event. This was split between all the PTAs in Arlington so each one received \$4,309 plus \$1,200 they initially invested for the event. She thanked everyone for their support, especially Cristine Blake who did an amazing job of organizing it all. We will probably not be holding this event again for several years.

She shared how The Commencement Group has reached out about pre-sale of items for graduation. They sell flowers, t-shirts (this year's will honor the 100th graduation), and teddy bears both prior to and the day of graduation. We receive 25% of the presales and 15% the day of graduation sales. Information about this will come out soon.

We will also be selling graduation signs again this year with the help of Cris Lemieux as a fundraiser. They will be available for each school and pick up will be at AHS on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, May 18 from 10 am - 12 pm both days. Paula will set up a Sign Up Genius for volunteers and coordinate with Colleen about when to send it out.

The prom dress event will be chaired by Marcia and Carolanne will help one more year to guide her. Donna is going to be working with students in the fashion club, photography club, and varsity sports photography club to take pictures of all the dresses we have so those interested in attending the events will be able to see if we have something they like first. Junior prom is on Friday, April 25 so they will be holding 2 events. One on Saturday, March 22 from 9 am -12 pm and the other on Thursday, March 27 from 2:15-3:15. Students will need to sign up for the day they wish to attend. If a student cannot make either event we will work with them to try on dresses. Carolanne is bringing some dresses to the school on Friday to add to what we already have. There will be more events at a later date for the senior prom in June. Malina said she can help on March 27 and Paula believes she can help on March 22. Carolanne

will also try to get some tuxedo donations and we will be reaching out to places about hair, make-up and nail services that we can use as a giveaway to those who choose a dress.

We will discuss Staff Appreciation which will take place May 5-9 at our next meeting. The preference is that the PTSA provides something other than food.

### **Treasurer's Report - Donna Bolner**

Donna presented the January Treasurer's Report. She shared that our income this month came from memberships (online and in person) and the Tops Rebate check while expenses were from membership payments to NYS, Small Schools Grant for the Class of 2025, and the teacher grants. The \$1200 we used for the Wizards will be returned to the Staff Appreciation Budget Line.

Our ending bank balances for the month were \$18,166.10 in checking and \$2,704.68 in savings. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

### **Executive Principal's Report - Don Solimene**

Don shared that the Wizards game was a lot of fun. He also shared that training for the new anonymous alert system through Sandy Hook Promise will occur Wednesday-Friday this week. If a student uses the system there will be a live person to assess the initial report and then follow up afterwards as needed with the District. There is no cost for this service. Finally, he reminded everyone that the mid-marking period is next week.

### **House Principals' Reports**

Donna reported the following:

Josten's will be here on March 4 during all lunch periods for the last in person opportunity for seniors to purchase their caps and gowns. Sophomores will also be able to purchase class rings this same day.

All houses are working on scheduling for next year except the seniors.

Sophomores who are interested in BOCES CTI will attend the rescheduled field trip on February, 26.

Senior graduation ticket requests are going out. Fireworks are all set. Mr. Sheedy is working on a 100 years video to be played after graduation before the fireworks begin. They are working on getting chaperones.

Juniors had their junior planning session for families last week. They are reviewing the expectations of being a senior such as parking passes.

MBK, MSK, and Student Equity along with both middle schools held their Equity panel last week which was great.

The Student Equity Team has started working on their participatory budget. Don gave them \$1500 from his budget to come up with something they would like to see in the building. The students are doing all of the work on this and getting input from students.

They will be viewing a WWII movie this month as well.

## **New Business**

Colleen shared that we need to form a Nominating Committee to fill open positions for next year. Paula said she will stay as secretary and Donna said she will stay as treasurer if needed.

Colleen urged people to step up because the PTSA does a lot to serve the students at AHS.

We will need a president, vice president, and maybe a treasurer. There will also be committee chair openings such as membership and arts in education.

The committee will need to be formed by the next meeting since they will need to present the slate at the April meeting for voting at the May meeting.

Colleen, Rachel, and Carolanne volunteered to be the nominating committee. A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Erica to accept the nominating committee. All those in attendance approved the motion.

Colleen asked that anyone who had suggestions for Arts in Education to reach out to her since the money we made on the Wizards game will go to this.

Don shared the following upcoming events:

Trades Fair - 3/6 from 6-8 pm. There are about 60 vendors signed up so far including Con Ed, a cookie company, unions, and more.

Service Academy Fair - 3/21 from 6-8 pm.

MST Fair - 2/22 (Snow date 2/23) from 9 am to 12 pm

Girls Rock STEAM - Late March for middle school students

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm

Paula Morro Wrafter, Secretary

Date Approved:

As Presented

As Amended