

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

AHS PTSA Minutes - 3/19/25

The meeting was held in person at AHS with a virtual option for those who could not attend in person. Paula Morro Wrafter called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

It was determined that a quorum was present with 13 members in attendance.

Welcome and Introductions

Paula welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting and thanked them for joining us. She shared that she would be running the meeting in Colleen's absence.

Approve February Minutes - Paula Morro Wrafter

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

A motion to accept the February minutes as presented was made by Diane Darragh and seconded by Donna Bolner. All members in attendance approved this motion.

President's Report - Paula Morro Wrafter for Colleen Tkazyik

Paula shared that Colleen worked with Arlington Ink to have a special t-shirt made for all staff as part of Staff Appreciation Week. She stated that she made coupons that Donna printed and cut out to place in each staff mailbox with details about how to order their free t-shirt. Paula and some other PTSA members will put them in mailboxes after tonight's meeting.

Paula also shared that our graduation sign fundraiser went live earlier in the week and is open until April 14 with delivery at AHS on April 26. She also stated that our fundraiser with the Commencement Group is also live and information has been shared with members as well as senior families.

Treasurer's Report - Donna Bolner

Donna presented the February Treasurer's Report. She shared that our income this month came from online memberships, the Tops Rebate check, spiritwear sales, and bank interest. She deposited the \$1200 we took from the Staff Appreciation Week budget line for the Wizards start up money and will deposit \$4,309 which is our Wizards payout into the SEL/Assemblies/Arts In Ed budget line now that we have the check.

Our ending bank balances for the month were \$19,421.99 in checking and \$2,705.17 in savings. Total in both accounts is \$22,127.16.

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Executive Principal's Report - Don Solimene

Don shared that we had a phenomenal Skilled Trades Fair last week. He thanked all our vendors and student volunteers. All students who volunteered will get letters for community service.

The Service Academy Presentation scheduled for tomorrow night is being postponed and a communication about this will be going out soon.

Winter sports are complete and their awards ceremony was last night. The Boys Bowling Team won the State Championship. They are the first team from Dutchess to ever win the State Championship. Spring sports are underway. They had 85 young ladies try out for our new flag football team.

There are many more events as the spring progresses.

He has been working with Mia Newson (11th grader) who started the peer tutoring program for her Girl Scout Gold Award to make it more accessible to students.

House Principals' Reports

Sharon Spencer, Junior House Principal shared the following updates:

Seniors - Graduation is in sight. They had a great Buff Bowl and Puff Bowl.

Freshmen - The Skilled Trades Fair was successful. Long and short-term activities are being discussed. They are teaching students to become prepared for sophomore year and they are working on course selection for next year.

Juniors - They will have a virtual event on March 27 to prepare them for senior year. She is working on the final approval for AHS to again be designated as a No Place For Hate School. Most students have selected their courses for next year.

Donna, Sophomore House Principal shared the following updates:

Sophomores - They are finishing up course selection because with them going into junior year they have several paths they could take. They are also preparing for senior year as they start listing activities and volunteering/community service hours into SchoolLinks. Many of them attended the field trip to see BOCES CTI. She also announced a summer leadership program through the Rotary that will take place in late June/early July. Students need to apply now if they wish to participate.

Open Positions for 2025-2026 School Year

Paula announced that we need volunteers to run for the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer for next year. We also will need some committee chairs. She stated that if anyone has questions or is interested in any of these positions they should reach out to Colleen at ahspts01@gmail.com.

New Business

Heather thanked everyone for all they have been doing so far this year.

Marcia shared an update about the Prom Dress Pop-up events that will take place on March 22 and March 27. As of right now there are 5 students coming on Saturday and 3 who have requested a private shopping opportunity. Ms. Dunn will reach out to set those appointments up. They have some prizes and will be getting more hopefully. Each student that shops will get their name placed in a raffle for door prizes. The prizes will be pulled at a soon to be announced date prior to the junior and senior proms respectively. They have enough volunteers for both events. Donna will send out another reminder to

junior and senior families about these Pop-up events. Carolanne will ask the Junior and Senior Houses if there are any young men who may need a tux for prom.. If there is, she will give their name/s to Men's Warehouse who will donate the tux and shoes and the young men will just need to go down there. Marcia also shared that we have one prize that is for a haircut and beard trim for a male that is being donated by an Arlington Grad. Carolanne knows of a business willing to cover the cost for prom tickets for students who cannot afford them. Marcia and Kim have lots of ideas for next year and we have a gift card for a local dry cleaner in case a dress chosen needs to be pressed or cleaned. Paula thanked Marcia and Kim for taking over this event and Donna for all she has done to keep it running the last few years.

Carolanne shared that we had 26 cases of water that can be used for events. She also asked about a date for the Ice Cream Sundaes during Staff Appreciation Week before she reached out to Stewarts about a donation. It was decided that Wednesday, May 7 would work best. The free t-shirts for staff will also be delivered sometime that week.

Paula will reach out to Colleen about our April and May meetings since they conflict with Spring Break and Jazz Cabaret respectively.

Paula also announced that Admiral Players will be presenting Legally Blonde, April 4-6. Tickets are on sale and will go fast. Friday night is a Pink Out so wear pink to that performance.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm

Paula Morro Wrafter, Secretary

Date Approved:

As Presented

As Amended