

**AHS PTSA MEETING**  
**October 21, 2020 – Virtual Meeting (Zoom)**

**Attendees:** Beth Donohue – President, Tricia Pedersen – Vice President, Jane Zaibek – Treasurer, Briar McNutt – Secretary, John Orcutt, Donna Bolner, Richard Carroll, Todd Richard, Miguel Suarez, Lesley Harrison, Christine Longwell, Nyhisha Gibbs, Jessica Gomez, Sophia Naeem, Howard Poole, Nicole Scalessa, and Paula Wrafter. Quorum present. Three attendees via FaceBook.

**Called to Order:** Beth called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Welcomed attendees.

**Secretary's Report:** Briar submitted for review minutes from September 16, 2020 meeting. Corrections noted. Motion to accept corrected minutes made by Lesley. Motion passed.

**House Reports**

- House of 2021: Dr. Carroll noted upcoming Senior celebration, walk-off passes, yearbook packet posted online, college applications underway.
- House of 2022: Mr. Richard highlighted college & career readiness, junior planning meetings with guidance counselors, online video for parents with college planning information, photo make-up dates and winter newsletter.
- House of 2023: Mr. Suarez introduced himself as new principal and noted counselors reaching out to parents and working to get students acclimated in school environment.
- House of 2024: Ms. Bolner introduced herself as new principal and noted efforts to help freshmen with transition, survey for interest in AHS clubs and activities, small schools committee, and freshmen walk-through dates.

**Executive Principal's Report:** Mr. Orcutt thanked principals for reports. Noted modified seasons/activities for sports teams, marching band, and Admirals Players. Some budget cuts restored so many clubs/activities going forward. Preparation for hybrid schedule underway; need families to fill out survey on hybrid/remote; happy to have live instruction 5 days a week.

**President's Report:** Beth noted that PTSA website has posted information regarding scholarships from Christine Lent, Taconic Region PTA Awards Coordinator. Pushing membership drive to engage teachers and student government. Highlighted Reflections program (information on PTSA website) with deadline of December 1<sup>st</sup> and need for teacher support. Addressed questions about lack of membership cards (to be reviewed) and reduction of membership fee (no reduction at this time).

**Treasurer's Report:** Jane noted that the budget is posted on Memberhub. Budget reflects \$10 membership fee. Sought state guidance on fees. 38 members to date. Stop n' Shop payment of \$3100 delayed. Will need committee to vote on teacher/library grants. New version of Memberhub allows merchant participation.

**Committee Reports:**

- Spirit Wear: Beth noted that PTSA is working with Arlington Ink to establish online Spirit Wear store. Details to come.
- Reflections: Beth and Jane co-chairing.

**New Business:** Beth announced that Tricia Pedersen volunteered and was elected as Vice President after long vacancy.

**Announcements/Open Floor Discussion**

- Paula noted upcoming SEPTA meeting (link on Facebook) and upcoming program on November 12 for navigating resources for autism.
- Lesley noted webathon for Marching Band on November 1 and Arlington PTSA Council meeting on Sunday via Zoom.
- Paula noted Admiral Players working on Broadway showcase live stream for November 20 and 21.
- Mr. Orcutt addressed question on taking attendance for remote students when hybrid session begins. Attendance will be taken every period.

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Briar McNutt, Secretary      Approved \_\_\_\_\_ with/without corrections