

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

AHS PTSA Minutes - 10/16/24

The meeting was held in the Library at AHS. Colleen Tkazyik called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

A quorum was not present with only 8 members in attendance.

Introduction of Teacher Grant (New for 24-25 School Year)

Colleen introduced that we are starting a Teacher Grant program. There will be 8-\$250 grants available to teachers. They need to be a member of the PTSA to apply. She will share the grant information and paperwork with Dr. Solimene after some suggested updates are made. It will go out to teachers on November 1 and be due November 30.

Membership Report

Colleen shared that we had approximately 48 members mistakenly join the Arlington High School PTSA in Tennessee. She has been in contact with the PTSA president at the school who is in the process of granting refunds. Once we receive the final list Rachel will reach out to all of them explaining the situation and asking them to please join our PTSA instead.

September Financials/Spiritwear Update

Colleen shared on Diane's behalf that spiritwear sales went very well last week at the 2 Open House sessions. We had about \$2800 in sales. We will open the online store again around Thanksgiving for anyone who wishes to order for the holidays.

Our ending bank balances for the month were \$14,011.21 in checking and \$2,695.22 in savings. Our main expenses were for membership and spiritwear.

The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Wizards Game Discussion - Who Wants to Chair??

Colleen shared that we need 2 more teachers to be players so Dr. Solimene will send out the form again. She also shared that Dr. Solimene will be one of the referees.

Colleen met with Madison's Pizza yesterday and they will provide pizza for the concession stand at a cost of \$12/pie and it will be sold for \$3/slice. They will deliver pizza all day as needed so it is fresh. There will be other concession items as well, but what is still being determined. CarolAnne has been in contact with Stewart's and Trader Joes about possible donations for the event.

We are still in need of a chair from our PTSA to set up and send out a sign up genius looking for volunteers and possible donations. We will need to provide a certain number of volunteers per game on the day of the event.

Reflections

Carolanne will chair this again, but has no information on this year's program as of yet. She will update us at a future meeting.

Bylaws Discussion

We found out that our Bylaws expired in July. Colleen and Paula took care of getting them updated so they can be voted on at our November meeting. Paula shared with everyone that there were copies at the meeting if anyone wanted to take a look at them, but that no changes were made at this time. Colleen also shared that we will need to amend them in the spring to increase our yearly dues since National Dues will be going up beginning July 1, 2025. An email will be sent to all members announcing the vote and the importance of their attendance at the November meeting.

Executive Principal Report

Open House was light, but it was an excellent experience for those who attended.

Assembly Day was successful and they have received good feedback on it.

They will be bringing Rachel's Challenge back for our current 9th and 10th graders in November.

The next Coffee, Cake, and Conversation will be held on Tuesday, October 22 at 11 am and 6 pm.

The Homecoming dance is on 10/19 and the total number who could attend was capped at 900.

Admiral Players Fall play, *Twelfth Night* will be November 15-17

Several fall sports teams are now heading into the playoffs.

House Principal Reports

Ms. Spencer shared that new IDs will be distributed to students next week during lunch periods.

Picture Day Make-ups/Re-takes will be held October 21 & 22 during lunch periods.

We are working to get our No Place for Hate designation again and need to have 3 presentations throughout the year to get a banner.

Class of 2025 - Senior Trip Packets were available 10/16

In person cap and gown ordering on 10/16 & 10/17

Seniors in the City Sign-ups on 10/18 before and after school

Puff Bowl Draft on 10/17 and game on 11/10

Final CAPE Presentation at Pawling High School on 10/28
Parking Lot Painting has been completed
Senior Class Trip Sign-ups on 11/13 before and after school

Class of 2027 - Sophomore Parent Night is on 10/17 at 6:30 pm. There will be no livestream, but an information sheet will be shared afterwards.

They can purchase class rings now.

100th Graduation Ceremony - Will take place on a Friday night with a rain date of Saturday night. They are hoping to have fireworks afterwards, but they need to fundraise because it costs \$5,000. Dr. Bolner will be meeting with the Alumni Association to try to get them involved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Paula Morro Wrafter, Secretary

Date Approved:

As Presented

As Amended