

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

**AHS PTSA Minutes - 4/24/25**

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 6:44 pm.

It was determined that a quorum was not present with 5 members in attendance.

**President's Report - Colleen Tkazyik**

Colleen started by thanking high school staff for all the work they did on Legally Blonde and noted how they are always so supportive of the arts.

She shared that graduation signs from the first sale which closed on 4/14/25 at 8 am will be available for pick up this Saturday, 4/26 from 10 am-12 pm at the school. The second sale is now open and will close on 5/5/25 at 8 am. These signs will be available for pick up on Sunday, 5/18 from 10 am-12 pm at the school.

We hope to have the names of all the seniors graduating by May 1 to get to the Commencement Group for the t-shirt that families can order. The PTSA receives 25% of the proceeds from pre-sale items and 15% of the proceeds from items sold the day of graduation.

**Approve March Minutes - Paula Morro Wrafter**

Since there was not a quorum the approval of the March Minutes were tabled until our May meeting.

**Treasurer's Report - Donna Bolner**

Donna shared that she is working on next year's budget and that in preparing for this she wanted to note that we are doing well financially and should reach all fundraising goals by year end.

She presented the March Treasurer's Report noting that the Houses still have money to use for events for students and that there is still money available in the SEL/Assemblies/Arts in Ed budget line. Those in attendance brainstormed how we might use the money in the latter budget line either this year or next to benefit all students. Some ideas were a mural project, Summer Bridge Program assistance, or a mental health first aid program for Health classes such as the one that the Maya Gold Foundation, Inc. provides.

We also discussed that we will not be increasing our dues for next year despite the increase in National PTA Dues that goes into effect on July 1, 2025.

Our ending bank balances for the month were \$23,828 in checking and \$2,705.57 in savings. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

## **Executive Principal's Report - Donna Bolner for Don Solimene**

Donna shared on Don's behalf that the musical was great.

Spring sports are in full swing with our inaugural season of girls flag football going very well.

Preparations have begun for the Winner's Circle program that will start in the fall.

AP exams start May 1.

2 days have been added to the Memorial Day Weekend break because of unused snow days. Schools will now be closed from Thursday, May 22 - Tuesday, May 27.

Regents Exams begin on June 10 and 11 with Earth Science, Bio, and Geometry. Only students taking those exams or a few local exams attend school those days. The last day of classes is June 16 with the remaining Regents and Local exams beginning the next day.

They have begun planning another Skilled Trades Fair for next winter.

Planning of student schedules for next year has pretty much come to an end.

## **House Principals' Reports**

Donna reported the following:

**9th Grade:** Their fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse went well, they are meeting with students about eligibility requirements, and they just chose their Outstanding Admirals for 3rd marking period.

**10th Grade:** Planning for junior year is complete which is exciting for everyone. Many English classes have been doing service projects. They are continuing to work with students about eligibility through progress monitoring.

**11th Grade:** Junior prom is tomorrow night which is very exciting. They have chosen their Outstanding Admirals for the 3rd marking period. MBK and Pockets have taken some field trips like the one today to Philadelphia.

**12th Grade:** Honor Key Ceremony is at 7 pm on April 30. Prom table selection is May 20. The senior trip to Hershey Park is May 16 and 17. The senior barbecue is June 13.

**General Graduation Updates:** An email is going out to families about cap and gown ordering, that they can request extra tickets for the graduation ceremony until May 1, graduation sign fundraiser, Commencement Group sale, and name pronunciation sheet.

The sophomore class will be selling a special commemorative 100th graduation t-shirt to raise money for their prom. Information on ordering will be shared soon.

## **Update on Activities**

Donna shared that the 2 prom dress pop up events we held so far went well. She will be doing a small collection before the senior prom. Donated hair appointments were given to 2 winners of the raffle who happened to be sisters. Donna purchased a gift card for the salon a student was going to use to get her

nails done for junior prom. The names of senior students who attended a pop up event or had a private appointment will be placed in a raffle which will be drawn before Memorial Day. Some girls took more than one dress since they were attending more than one prom. Marcia and Bridget Mare are already planning next year's events. Ms. Dunn has provided private appointments for girls who needed them. In the fall they will hold a collection to replenish our supply of dresses and also request donations of suits for those who do not want to wear a dress.

All in attendance thanked Donna for spearheading this event the last few years and thanked Marcia and Bridget for all they have done this year.

### **Discuss Open PTSA Positions for 2025-2026**

Colleen asked if anyone had heard from any parents interested in filling a role on the board next year. Paula will stay on as secretary. Rachel and Paula shared names of 2 parents who had expressed interest in possibly filling a role, but have not given a definite answer as of yet. Colleen will follow up with them. We need to present the slate at our next meeting to vote in June.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Paula Morro Wrafter, Secretary

Date Approved:

As Presented

As Amended