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

AHS PTSA Minutes - 6/18/25

The meeting was held virtually. Colleen Tkazyik called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

It was determined that a quorum was present with 14 members in attendance.

President's Report - Colleen Tkazyik

Colleen apologized for the delays and computer issues we experienced tonight. We will look into getting our own Google or Zoom account for next year to hopefully avoid these issues in the future. She shared that she was very happy to see so many teachers who received grants in attendance tonight and that she is happy we were able to do this for the teachers this year.

We sold 186 graduation signs and made \$900. This is about the same number as we sold last year with just one sale. We will discuss if we want to do 2 sales again next year. She has not heard from the Commencement Group yet on our pre-sale total.

Colleen congratulated the music department on the wonderful spring concerts and encouraged all in attendance to catch a concert if you can next year. Music and Arts in Arlington are strong and great. Her and Heather shared that the best part of the concerts was when they honored the seniors.

She thanked Paula and Donna for all of their help this year.

Approve May Minutes - Paula Morro Wrafter

Paula presented the May minutes for approval. Rachel Birsner made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Colleen Tkazyik seconded. All in attendance approved the motion.

2025-2026 Board Vote - Paula Morro Wrafter

Paula presented the following slate of officers for the 2025-2026 school year:

President: Heather Mueller Vice President: Colleen Tkazyik Secretary: Paula Morro Wrafter Treasurer: Lauren Swarthout

Donna Bolner made a motion to accept the slate as presented and Rachel Birsner seconded. All in attendance approved the motion.

Treasurer's Report - Donna Bolner

Donna presented the May Treasurer's Report.

Income in May came from membership dues, spiritwear sales, various reward program payouts, and bank interest. Expenses were the fulfillment of the final round of teacher mini grants and Staff Appreciation for the cost of the t-shirts given to staff.

Our ending bank balances for the month were \$20,974.21 in checking and \$2,706.45 in savings. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

She then presented the proposed 2025-2026 Budget with the updates made after our May Meeting. Colleen made a motion to accept the budget as presented and Paula seconded. All in attendance approved the motion.

Donna will do all that needs to be done to get everything ready for the audit.

Diane will place an order for Spiritwear with Arlington Ink in July with delivery in August. It will include "All Roads Lead to AHS" T-shirts and Hoodies. The teachers in attendance all said thank you for the t-shirts and that they loved it.

Executive Principal's and House Principals' Reports

There were no reports given.

Volunteer of the Year Presentation - Heather Mueller

Heather presented Colleen with the AHS PTSA Volunteer of the Year Award. She stated that she received many emails about how Colleen should receive this honor this year. She thanked Colleen for all that she has done and read the email she received from Carolanne Blabac to go with the award. Colleen was truly touched and thanked all of us.

Grant Recipients' Presentations

Ms. Tamweber thanked the PTSA for the opportunity to apply for the grant money. She shared that she is big on communication so she purchased mini white boards, markers, erasers, and buzzers to allow her English students to interact with each other through games that did not need a device. They also used the items to learn how to sign their name and address an envelope.

Ms. Price used her grant money to purchase an Air Quality Sensor. School staff helped her set it up on secure WiFi and mount it outside her window in the courtyard. It connects to the website Purpleair.com and the readings are constantly updated. This will be used with her science research class. One junior in the class is using it now for her research and will continue next year. The grant allowed them to have their own sensor instead of relying on others through the website. She will also share it with other teachers at AHS who can use the information it gathers with their students. We can go on the website and see the information as well.

Ms. Owens thanked the PTSA for the grant that she used with her Life Skills classes to present a Cultural Fair. The last 2 years they focused on learning about the culture of 7 countries as part of Global I & II. Chef Losee and his students helped them by making different foods and she got artifacts from various teachers and staff. She used the grant to purchase clothing and food for the fair. It allowed her students to be involved with the school community which does not happen often. They were so proud to interact with the school community and share what they learned.

Ms. Marden thanked the PTSA for the grant money which she used to purchase supplies for a poster presentation session in her marine biology class. Her students did research on a variety of topics and then made a poster to show what they learned. She knew many of them would not have the means to purchase the supplies needed to do this. The grant money gave her students a great opportunity to show what they learned and gain valuable skills.

Colleen thanked them all for all that they do each day and for taking the time to come tonight.

Final Wrap Up

Paula thanked Colleen for all she has done not only this year, but the last few years to keep the PTSA moving forward.

Colleen wished everyone a great last few days of school and a wonderful summer. She thanked Donna, Paula, and Rachel once again for all they did this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm

Paula Morro Wrafter, Secretary

Date Approved:

As Presented As Amended