

West Potomac PTSA November 14, 2011 Meeting: Commenced at 6:30 pm

President's Remarks: The PTSA President called the meeting to order and welcomed Mrs. Molly Prater, Waynewood Elementary PTSA, and announced that Waynewood had made a \$500 donation to the West Potomac PTSA. Thank you Waynewood Elementary!

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Not much happened in October. Education Fund – 3 teacher requests received, to date, in November – Mr. Rigby (Latin teacher) requested funds to defray the costs of the Latin Convention in Richmond; Ms. Fleming (English teacher) requested funds for the Writing Center program; Ms. Walker (Science teacher) requested funds for the Mentoring Initiative.

Teachers' Report: **Mr. Franco** told the group the October 12th Fun Fly was a record breaking fundraiser (almost \$500 was raised) and a lot of fun for all participants. The next Fun Fly will be held in February with the theme of Remote Control Mania. **Mr. Kamar** announced that the ACT Explore Results are back and the WP freshmen achieved above average. **Ms. Watlington (counselor):** Thank you to all parents who attended Touch Base. Sophomore program this week, students are taking the Briggs-Meyer personality type survey this week. Sophomore night is being held this month. Honor Roll ceremony will be held November 17th. Counselors are starting a new study skills program, see Student Services Newsletter for more info. Academic Awards Ceremony postponed until December 1st at 8:00 am.

Student Reports: Vanessa Prada and Mary Hill announced that the Homecoming Dance was very successful, profits were split between the Senior Class and Student Government, seniors received \$6000. There is an International Night scheduled November 16th and it is in collaboration with the Language Department. The evening will highlight the different cultures at West Potomac and include cultural demonstrations, a fashion show and talent show. SGA is developing presentations to address student topics of concern determined from the Fairfax Youth Survey. Mr. Olivo is the SGA sponsor.

Principal's Report: Great things going on at West Potomac – the Girls' Cross Country team placed 3rd at the State Meet; the football team shared the District Title and beat Chantilly in the first postseason game and will face Westfield next; 56 students were selected for the District Chorus, 1 student for the Regional Chorus; the Drama department presented its CAPPY production – Inherit the Wind which was outstanding. The Veteran's Day activity was outstanding – AJROTC, band and chorus did a great job. A new building supervisor, Mr. Wittington, has been hired. A new Security Officer has also been hired. WP has received extra staffing due to the increase in student population. Ms. Quirk, PTSA President, received the Purdue University Outstanding Aerospace Engineer of the Year award last month. The WP pyramid is working to determine distribution of construction money. The School Board is still reviewing the proposal to install security cameras in schools. Mr. Hardison told the group about the recent visit by the Community Foundation, student tour guides and the Pulley Center Gourmet students were terrific.

ANGC: Mr. Stacey Wilson, Chairman, described committee progress to date. The committee still needs more parent involvement and support. Please contact him with any questions at: staceyandsons@yahoo.com

Next Meeting/Meeting Adjourned: December 5, 6:30pm, library. Adjourned at 7:55.