



Wheeler High School PTSA General Meeting
Date: February 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Location: Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Welcome – Maggie Vath, Co-President

- 6:03, quorum established and meeting called to order
- Co-President Maggie Vath introduced herself, and welcomed everyone

Secretary's Report – Lynn Clark, Secretary

- Previous General meeting minutes from the meeting held September 22, 2022 are posted on the Wheeler PTSA website and were shared during the meeting via Zoom
 - No corrections were made, so motion was made to approve the minutes
 - Motion made by: Lisa Spessard
 - Motion seconded by: Sarah Kirwan
 - The previous minutes were approved and will be filed for audit

Treasurer's Report – Sarah Fullmer, Treasurer

- Will attach report to these minutes
- 317 PTSA members currently, not 316 as suggested
- Note: Thanks to membership and donations, the Wheeler PTSA was able to award grants to 16 student clubs/organizations

New Business –

- Nominating Committee Election – Melissa Rogers pres1@wheeler.ptsa.com made a plea to get many people to join the nominating committee.
- Wheeler Academic Booster Club Foundation – Lisa Spessard presenting – they want to promote academic success at Wheeler – practice testing, teacher grants, AP Scholar and Academic Letter recipients
 - Mock tests this Spring, ACT and SAT – Sat 2/4 and April (date on their website) – deadline for this Sat's test is tomorrow at noon, great way to sample the tests
 - AP Scholar night – Monday 2/6 at Men's Basketball game (will be on ESPN) – kids who have taken 5 AP exam and gotten a three or better.
 - Four \$500 Scholarships for graduating seniors – applications will be available shortly after Winter Break (Feb)
 - They are also looking for volunteers – programming / website updates – email Lisa at President@wheelerabc.org

Additional Business

Principal's Report – Principal Paul Gillihan

- Town Hall with Principal to follow the PTSA meeting (notes follow Exhibit A)

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn:
 - Moved: Kim Nancarrow
 - 2nd: Sarah Fullmer
- 6:16pm PTSA meeting is adjourned

Treasurer's report that was shared during meeting:

Wheeler High School PTSA
Treasurer Report 01/12/23

	7/1/2022 Actual	Budget	6/30/2023 Difference	Notes
Income				
Cash Carry Over from 2021-2022	4,007.08	4,007.08	-	
Business & Community Sponsors	1,020.84	350.00	670.84	
Donations				
<i>Campus Beautification</i>	-	150.00	(150.00)	
<i>General</i>	3,370.00	3,650.00	(280.00)	
<i>Staff Appreciation</i>	800.00	250.00	550.00	\$400/each from ABC & Magnet
<i>Student Enrichment</i>	-	300.00	(300.00)	
Membership (350)	3,160.00	3,500.00	(340.00)	316 Members
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	
Total Income	12,357.92	12,207.08	150.84	
Expense				
County & State PTA Dues				
<i>ECCC Dues</i>	292.00	305.00	(13.00)	
<i>GA (\$1.50) & National (\$2.25) Memberships</i>	1,185.00	1,312.50	(127.50)	
<i>Margie Hatfield Scholarship</i>	-	50.00	(50.00)	
<i>TOTY / CEOTY</i>	-	100.00	(100.00)	
Membership Drive	-	300.00	(300.00)	
Operating Expenses				
<i>Administrative</i>	8.00	50.00	(42.00)	
<i>Incorporation</i>	-	30.00	(30.00)	
<i>Insurance</i>	215.00	215.00	-	
<i>Leadership Training/Convention</i>	-	350.00	(350.00)	
<i>President Contingency</i>	-	100.00	(100.00)	
PTSA Programs				
<i>Legislative</i>	-	50.00	(50.00)	
<i>Reflections</i>	-	100.00	(100.00)	
School Support				
<i>Campus Beautification</i>	-	2,275.00	(2,275.00)	\$2124 remaining in grant
<i>Classroom Grants</i>	-	-	-	
<i>Student Enrichment Grants</i>	420.00	3,500.00	(3,080.00)	
Staff Appreciation	1,241.38	3,000.00	(1,758.62)	
Total Expenses	3,361.38	11,737.50	(8,376.12)	
Difference	8,996.54	469.58	8,526.96	
Cash on hand as of (1/12/23)	8,974.04			Pending 2 checks totaling \$77.50
Previous amount reported on (11/10/22)	10,443.56			Pending 1 deposits totaling \$100.00

Notes taken during Principal Town Hall

(Note: The following notes are not officially part of the PTSA minutes, but have been provided as a courtesy for those who could not attend the Principal Town Hall.)

Per Principal Paul Gillihan:

- Current student enrollment is 2,310 – we had appx 30 December grads, and 4 new students yesterday
- Rising 9th grade night last night, enrollment beginning for them - very exciting!
- Classic building and the “magnet building” are being renovated this summer – biggest change will be in science classrooms – new floors, new paint, new stair treads –
- We were approved to add Cosmetology to our course offerings, and it is going to where Horticulture is now, and Horticulture will move to a portable classroom by the greenhouse. They are hoping to add this to this summer’s renovation. Still hoping to add the Sky Bridge as planned, but there is a risk of that bumping to next year due to steel supply issues.
- Parking lot – adding 98 spaces, repainting all spaces, numbering all spaces (teachers and students alike) so that all will have assigned spaces.
- Model UN:
 - went to Harvard last weekend and two students were recognized
 - going to UGA this weekend
 - out of 3k applicants, 62 scholarships (4 years, full ride) and three Wheeler students got those based on leadership and academics
 - Principal Gillihan will share more details about the honorees in his communications
- Men’s Varsity Basketball Monday 2/6 - Academic Night, game will be on ESPN and ABC will be honoring some students (see PTSA minutes for more details)
- Wheeler Athletic Association (the “WAA”) raising funds – they represent ALL of the Wheeler sports programs and are having a silent auction, and two parking spaces for next year will be added to the auction next week! Two spaces in the fall and two in the spring; they are up close behind the old auditorium.
- Feb 11, 2022 is “Hoopcoming” – aka Basketball homecoming – game is on the 10th, dance is in cafeteria on the 11th and is a “sneaker-ball” – not formal, wear sneakers – the dance is a fundraiser for the cheerleading organization
- Registering students for next year’s classes is beginning. Juniors are registering now, followed by Soph then Freshmen
- Spring sports are beginning – soccer game is happening tonight!
- Principal Gillihan shared a warning about both certain social media and vaping, encouraging parents to talk to their kids about the dangers, see his communications
- Competitive Bass Fishing – One student interested and there has to be one more student to make up a team, so let Principal Gillihan know if you know of a student who may want to do that.
- Principal Gillihan asking for suggestions and thoughts for other clubs, sports teams, etc.
- Note: there is also a mountain biking club and a figure skating club
- Rifle Team – can anyone join or is it only ROTC? Principal Gillihan thinks it’s not just ROTC but not sure - encouraged questioner to contact Major Shon Dodson to ask; the shooting range is up above the old gym
- The STEAM Symposium will be in late March (28 or 29 likely) - all of the feeder elementary and middle schools will be invited.
- New Tennis courts are open!
- We are hosting the regional basketball tournament Valentine’s week – 4 games per night on T/Th/F
- Isaiah Collier was named a team member of the prestigious McDonald’s All American Games (men’s

basketball team)- <https://www.mcdonaldsallamerican.com/aag/en-us.html>

- Girls Varsity basketball are on the verge of going to State for the first time since 2016.
- Baseball has first game this Saturday
- Melissa Rogers (PTSA Co-president) is now a teacher at Wheeler
- When is the Wildcat Store open to shop merch? T/Th mornings (before school starts) and T/Th lunch block - 11:42 – 1:57, as well as having some merch at home ball games. You can also email Ms. Feddersen if you have something specific that you want. Principal Gillihan will ask her to put something in the newsletter about the store
- March 25 (Sat) School Job Fair at Truist Park for all local schools if you know someone looking for a job in the school system
- There is one part-time custodial position vacant, so that is a big step forward
- There is still a bus driver shortage, but as a district we are back to pre-pandemic levels.
- Not a political statement - There is proposed legislation by the governor to add more school counselors to schools. We have 7 counselors and only have a salary allotment of 5.5, so Principal Gillihan endorses this, because he'd get 1.5 teacher allocations back. Principal Gillihan encouraging folks to reach out to their legislators about this (hopefully in favor). Kristy Flowers saying that she thinks there may be a position taken about this by the Statewide PTSA. Lisa suggesting that PTSA spell out the step by step process as to how people can support this. Kristy saying that GA PTSA sends out weekly emails talking about legislation and what the PTA's position is on each of things, and it filters down. Kristy suggested that someone on the PTSA Exec should reach out to the "E-triple C" (East Cobb County Council). Per Kristy, one of the main purposes of PTSA is advocacy relative to issues (not individuals).
- Principal Gillihan could use our good vibes, as on 2/10 there is a Pep Rally and it's "faculty vs student" basketball team – and he just found out that he is on the team!