

**Vestavia Hills High School
PTO Board Meeting
November 1, 2016**

Call to Order

President Tracy Lemak called the meeting to order at 12:04 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Character and Citizenship

Angie Saia read a story titled “Oh How He Loves Us” which was about loving others, even difficult people, at all times.

Approval of Minutes

Jacki Despot presented the minutes from the October 4, 2016 meeting. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were approved as presented.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Elect

Kristin Tunnell announced the approval of grants totaling \$23,325 including an additional \$5,000 to the Green Roof project. All of this is in the works and includes Family Connections. Tracy encouraged us to use Family Connection tool for college prep.

Membership

Vicki Tuggle - Mostly finished with registration but still accepting money for fees at the school. 1046 individuals and 92 staff with a total of 1138 members. Have submitted our money to PTO council. Technically it is closed but will still accept money if people want to join. Can also pay through My School Anywhere.

Treasurer

Aundrea Milldrum distributed copies of the income statement. Total income is \$18,669.61 and Expenses \$7,927.73 See attached. Cash on hand is \$43,433.22 which includes \$10,000 in the rainy day fund.

VP of Communications

Ellen Sheumaker reported that November LINK should be out very soon. A lot of information included. Please send noteworthy information to Ellen.

COMMITTEE CHAIR AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Principal

Dr. Burgess reported 440 families still outstanding on registration fee. Fall theater production is this Friday and Saturday night called “All in the Timing”. Cross Country team boys and girls will be at sectionals this Saturday. VMN productions is a new way for announcements. We have changed the announcements because some students are not seeing them. The students have come up with a way to view them on VHHSVMN.com so all the students can see the announcements. It is linked to our website and it includes videos. It has been student driven and working on developing podcasts.

Band won Best in Show in their competition this past weekend and have won superior ratings in their past competitions. They did a tremendous job this year.

Mr. Loveless is leaving the staff at the High School but will be at Administrative Services for Vestavia City School.

David Howard is coming back to the VHHS.

Faculty Representative

Sue Lovoy

Parents will be touring Science classrooms to see that they are not strictly teaching out of a text book. It is hands on learning. There are concerns about the new standards are how they are being implemented. She encouraged us to come check it out so we can see how well our classes are doing in this area. Math team won Invitational and UGA Math tournament. First one since 2007.

Thank you for supporting academic research because it will be needed when they get to the next level. Questia is such a plus for our kids. It helps our students do a really good job. Art teacher is doing a great job with the students and is happy to have parents come by to see their work.

Media Center opens before school and a lot of students come to work together or on computers.

Check It Out /Fundraisers

Cindy Cherry announced that the Check it Out fundraiser was ongoing and would focus on the Green Roof Project this fall. It's a check writing campaign. Will be getting email blasts and can donate online. Tracy reported that My School Anywhere will show if you have donated.

Eat Roll Rebel made \$6,000. It was fun and a great turnout. Great value for our school community . We announced it on Facebook and Vestavia Voice. Need to put it on Chamber Calendar next year.

Directory

Susan Compton reported that the data is at the printer now. Hopefully, we will have it in the lobby next week for parents or students to pick up. 350-360 purchased directory but we also have the online directory. Tracy would like feedback on how people are using it. Can also access it through My School Anywhere.

Mock Trial Team

Mock trial team is going to Montgomery this weekend for their big event.

Jill Edwards wanted to announced Chrism's cookies December 8th. They put them on plates around the school so students and staff can pick up cookies throughout the day. She is accepting donations.

Fabulous Faculty Friday

Tracy Lemak reported for Mary Rembert that Fabulous Faculty Friday is this week and to please send in food. Thanks to everyone who contributed food last month.

Parent Awareness

Debbie Castleberry announced that the Parent Awareness next Wednesday here at 12:00 in conjunction with The BOE. There is a new law called the Jason Flatt Act that addresses suicide awareness and prevention.

Coordinator from the Crisis center will also be there to talk about things to look for. Open to all schools because it can affect any age. Will include a link to the Act.

Dinner and Diamonds

Kristen Tunnell announced that Dinner and Diamonds will be February 25th at Region's Field. Newk's will donate to Vestavia City Schools on Tuesday's between 4:00-9:00.

Legislative

Martha Cook encouraged us to know our candidates qualifications and take your list with you. She will send us a link to help us. November 17th is Legislative Round Table. Encouraged us to ask hard questions at this event. Email her your questions and come. Jennifer Brown is a good resource and should follow her on Facebook page called "Together we Can". On November 7th is the new City Council inductions. Resolution of Amendment 14 grandfathers in 700 bills that are already in place. It affects school funding, jails, hospitals that we would lose if it does not pass. Vote yes on 14 and 2 which helps keep local bills local.

Band

Julia Van Camp announced that the band received superior ratings. Majorette received best in Class. Best overall band and several other awards. Color Guards took 2nd by 1 point. Fundraisers are going on for trip to Ireland. Honey baked Ham and Pointsettias. There will be a bake sale December 8-9 during performance. Jazz band performs at Galleria this weekend and Dec 11th Christmas parade.

Choir

Update from Deb, Tracy announced choir spirit night perform at Chick fil-a in Hoover November 14. On Dec 2 the Honor Choir has been invited to perform at the Alys Steven Center. Celebrate the Season on December 8th.

New Business

Tracy Lemak reported the Nominating Committee is comprised of 5 people Debbie Castleberry, Vicki Tuggle, Tracie Dugas, Marietta Peterson, Mary Catherine Kew. Motion to approve this nominating committee. Approved as presented. Please encourage people to get in touch with these ladies if they are interest in serving.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacki Despot, Recording Secretary
VHHS PTO

Attachments:

PTO Agenda / PTO Announcement Sheet
Sign In Sheet
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Report dated 10/3/16
Budget and Finance Committee Special Projects
Fall Production flyer