


**W. T. WOODSON PTSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
M I N U T E S
January 12, 2010  Woodson Library**

Attendance: Regina Printz, Diana Mihalache, Peter Brandman, Lorraine Reilly, Carole Post, Cheryl King, Kathy Nebhut, Phyllis Payne, Catherine Potter, Donna Greer, Annie Schwartz, Sandy Barron, Vicki Chamlee. President Nell Hurley on travel.

I. Call to Order—Vice President Donna Greer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Minutes—Carole Post moved to accept the minutes from the December 8, 2009, meeting as written. Approved unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report—**Sandy Barron**—Revenue below projections. But PTSO has good reserves. Report accepted.

Suggestion: When FCPS budget is announced, advertise what the PTSO funds for the students and solicit fund-raising ideas and donations.

IV. Vice President's Report—**Donna Greer**

A. Audit Committee—To fulfill IRS and state requirements, need three people to conduct an audit of PTSA's books (July 1–October 31, 2009). *Volunteers:* Annie Schwartz, Regina Printz, Vicki Chamlee.

B. FCPS Budget and School Board Public Hearings—Budget is available online. Hearings will be held January 25 and 26 at Luther Jackson Middle School.

C. FCPS Awards and Nominees—Nominations for Support Employee of the Year close February 12. Robert R. Spillane Leadership Award nominations open March 12.

D. Vacancies

1. **Crucial**—*Cav Cruise:* Need a junior parent to shadow the current Cav Cruise director and assume leadership for next year.
2. **Also Crucial**—*Baccalaureate:* Need a committee chair. Usually a speaker is booked by February. Cheryl King will talk to a potential candidate.
3. *Spring Fund-raiser* (summer reading book sales): Annie Schwartz volunteered to chair.
4. *Academic Booster:* Need someone to run the mock SAT/ACT tests and host Cav Awards.

Student rep Diana has offered to mention vacancies in the Leadership Class and see if anyone's parents might be interested. Lorraine suggested having volunteer opportunities and other PTSO information available at incoming freshmen's course selection night at WTW.

E. Special Thank You—To Lorraine Reilly-Sobson and Mary Ann Shock for hosting the Frost-Woodson Special Services Parent Coffee December 18. Well done.

V. Committee Reports

A. Mock SAT/ACT Testing—*Annie Schwartz*—For January 23 tests, registered 49 students for ACT and 72 for SATs. Need an ASL translator for one student and

volunteers to check people in (Annie cannot attend the testing). Will email participants and see whether anyone else has special needs. Put inquiry on registration form next year.

B. Student Safety and Wellness Committee—Cheryl King

1. *2009 Youth Survey*—At February's PTSO meeting, Diane Eckert from FCPS Student Safety and Wellness Office will discuss WTW's results.
2. *Transurban Seminar*—Conducted a volunteer seminar on driving for students. Discussed texting and so forth.
3. *Seventh annual Saturday Night in the Suburbs*—This March (date TBA), a panel of seniors (students) will answer questions from a moderator and parent attendees. Parents of seventh and eighth graders will be included; will send out a mailing using grant money.
4. *Parent meeting on teens and abuse of prescription drugs*—Trying to coordinate a meeting after seeing a rise in incidents countywide.

VI. Old Business

A. Grants—Donna Greer for Rita Manfredi-Shutler—Motion to revisit socialization funding request for baby dolls. The school will not provide any funds for this request. As for the PTSO, Nell Hurley talked to a teacher who used the program at another school and found the babies proved a great distraction to the students. Teachers can avoid the problem in school by scheduling the babies' use on weekends and by programming when the babies are awake and so on. Discussion touched on studies that the program reduces teen pregnancy, the FCPS budget crunch, and the PTSO's membership and spring funding requests to come. Catherine Potter moved to vote on whether to fund the program's request: one in favor, ten against, one abstention. Donna will contact Rita with results.

VII. New Business

A. Nominating Committee—Phyllis Payne and Sandy Hoch have volunteered thus far. Current committee chairs and representatives should contact Vicki Chamlee as to whether they plan to stay in their positions for the next school year.

IX. Motion to Adjourn—8:09 p.m.

Next PTSO meeting: February 9, 2010, W. T. Woodson Library, 7:00 p.m.