

**W. T. WOODSON PTSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 9, 2010** 📖 **Woodson Library**

**Attendance:** Peter Brandman, Rita Manfredi-Shutler, Lorraine Reilly, Carole Post, Lauren Post, Jennifer Lewis-Cooper, Diane Eckert, Cheryl King, Sandra Hoch, Phyllis Payne, Catherine Potter, Donna Greer, Annie Schwartz, Sandy Barron, Nell Hurley, Jeff Yost, Vicki Chamlee.

**I. Call to Order**—President Nell Hurley called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**II. Minutes**—Donna Greer moved to accept the minutes from the January 2010 meeting as written. Approved unanimously.

**III. Treasurer's Report—Sandy Barron**—Have paid fall funding requests as bills have been submitted. Also ordered the plaque for the memorial bench. RE: spring funding requests, about \$7,000 is reserved to fulfill them.

**IV. President's Report—Nell Hurley**

*A. Glacier*—Almost gone. Parking lot getting back to normal.

*B. FCPS School Board Representatives*—Have invited new representatives, Sandy Evans and Patty Reid, to tour Woodson.

*C. FCPS Budget*—Still in flux. If contacting Fairfax County folks, remember that the supervisors determine the money (they can raise taxes) while School Board reps determine its specific uses (i.e., programs that receive the funds).

*D. Cav Cupboard*—Located in room K110 near Cav Hall and outfitted with a sink and cabinets. Need a locking cabinet. Refrigerator will be moved in shortly. Will provide space for book sales and small meetings.

**7:15 p.m.—Break for FCPS Student Survey Results**—Jennifer Lewis-Cooper introduced Diane Eckert from FCPS Student Safety and Wellness. Provided informative handout detailing responses to Youth Survey 2008. Led discussion. Future surveys will break down information by school. Recommends two books to parents: *Yes, Your Teen Is Crazy* by Michael Bradley and *A Tribe Apart* by Patricia Hersch.

*Saturday Night in the Suburbs, this Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., WTW cafeteria*—Students panel will discuss drug and alcohol issues. Denise Raybon, specialist for county, will be the moderator.

**V. Principal's Report—Jeff Yost**

*A. Parking*—Snow removed from all lots. Yellow-lined spaces in Whitacre lot are for teachers only. Approaching cutoff for permits, which are sought after in spring.

*B. FCPS Snow Make-up Days*—Adding 30 minutes to the school day was denied. Currently adding three days to June—23, 24, and 25—but asking for a waiver from state to remove the last day. Exams and graduation will likely go forward as scheduled.

*C. Renovation*—Parent asked about power washing building's exterior. Will continue discussion at April meeting.

*D. Pupil Placement*—Have room for 150 students. Getting inquiries regarding application process from parents of students currently attending private schools.

*E. FCPS Budget*—Anticipate de-staffing twelve teachers. Class registration will determine staffing requirements.

*F. Student Directory*—Will pay printing costs for 2010-11 PTSO directories.

## **VI. Committee Reports**

*A. Audit Committee*—*Vicki Chamlee*—Everything went smoothly because Sandy Barron had all materials organized and ready. *Sandy*—Submitted final PTSA audit report, which was sent to the Virginia PTA.

*B. Mock SAT/ACT Testing*—*Annie Schwartz*—Next Tuesday is the review session with Princeton Review in cafeteria B and the library. Anticipating seventy or so students; open to all. Need to determine whether one DHD student needs assistance beforehand.

*C. Nominating Committee*—*Phyllis Payne and Sandy Hoch*—Also looking for a new volunteer coordinator for next year. Need to redefine the Hospitality Committee's responsibilities and split duties among different folks. Having the Cav Cupboard will help immensely. Discussed activities that occur on monthly basis and what refreshments are required.

*D. Student Safety and Wellness Committee*—*Cheryl King*—See Survey discussion above. Also highlighted Saturday Night in the Suburbs and students' participation.

*E. Baccalaureate*—*Beth Whitehead*—Report submitted in advance: date = Sunday, June 13, 1:30 p.m., Woodson auditorium. first student meeting held; looking for more parent volunteers. To expedite e-mail communication, PTSO has a special address: [bacc@woodsonptso.org](mailto:bacc@woodsonptso.org). Next volunteer meeting is March 24.

*F. Cav Cruise*—*Jane Millward and Eileen Nelson*—Report submitted in advance: 160 tickets sold as of March 7; will have kickoff after spring break. Have volunteers. Working on finalizing Fire Marshal's plan and on getting more food donations. Kathy Snead is handling spring flower sale (fund-raiser).

*G. Special Education Conference*—*Lorraine Reilly*—Free, Saturday, March 20, 8:00 p.m., Lee High School, with Jonathan Mooney (keynote speaker); workshops in three sessions.

## **VII. New Business**

*A. Cake Contest*—Saturday, at Woodson. Service volunteer opportunities!

## **VIII. Motion to Adjourn**—9:00 p.m.

**Next PTSO meeting: April 13, 2010, W. T. Woodson Library, 7:00 p.m.**