

Cherry Hill High School West PTA **February 12, 2014 General Membership Meeting**

-In attendance: see attached sign in sheet

-Meeting was called to order by Kris Walters at 7:16PM and members in attendance said the Pledge of Allegiance.

-Minutes were passed out and reviewed. Errors were found and corrected. Kelly Bivins motioned to approve the minutes; Kris Walters second it.

-Treasurer's Report: Kelly Bivins reported she did not have the full report but was able to update us on the following. The PTA currently has \$9,863.83. While we are below anticipated financial goals, it is not serious.

-Committee Reports:

-Membership: Kim Bordner said the PTA currently has 289 members.

-Ways & Means: Gina Onorato said 2/20 is the date scheduled for Jersey Mikes for the PTA and Chick-fil-A. It's on the same day which was a mistake. Sorry! Jackie Caputo handles Silver Dinner. Use the card. Every couple of weeks she brings over a check from Silver Dinner from our use.

-Project Graduation: Jack Gallagher briefly discussed the upcoming PG Yard Sale and Ford's "Drive One 4 UR School", both scheduled for April 26th. Major mailing to solicit funds has been done, and checks are coming in. Restaurant Week has been doing well raising money; "5 Guys" was great. Balloon Sale is coming up and is a great money maker. "Congratulations Graduates" yard signs have done very well in the past and more are being ordered for this year. March 17th is the next PG meeting; date maybe changed. PG always needs helpers, so please volunteer.

-Search Committee for new Executives: Christie Robertson, Kim Bordner and Lynn Clauss volunteered to be on the Search Committee. All Executive positions are open. On April 23 the members will present the names of those interested in running for the PTA Executive positions.

-Special Guest: Michelle Pryor from Guidance presented information on Scholarships. In February there are still scholarships available while most of the applications must be done by December. Do not wait until May; there won't be any. On the bulletin board in guidance the deadlines for each scholarship are listed. Look on the West website, home page, then scroll down 1/3, in the right column under Announcements, click on CHW Scholarships. There is a wealth of information. Do not respond to "pay" for an application for a scholarship. Some applications require a student see Ms. Pryor. There are many different kinds of scholarships. There's a Scholarship Night when scholarships are presented to the students. It's a really nice night. Many of the local scholarships are given out that night.

-Principal's Report: Dr. Morton said the weather has impacted school. Report Cards are delayed. Guidance Counselors are meeting with students to discuss next school year's core selection. Construction is prolonged, because once it began they found structural problems that had to be addressed. Boilers are being replaced this summer. Asbestos abatement has to be done during spring break. Lighting will be upgraded. Motion sensors will be environmentally friendly. HSPA exams will be held for 4 days from March 3rd to 7th. There will be a 2 1/2 hour delay for all students not taking the exams. Graduation is June 17th. Anymore snow days and school will have to be scheduled on Saturdays. Date has not yet been chosen. District has to offer 180 school days.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:31PM.