

Parents & Friends of West (PFOW)

Minutes of Meeting held September 9, 2008

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Meitner.

Mr. Meitner gave Principal's report. The annual gift to West from PFOW is split between the Athletic Department and the Music Department. Current enrollment is 192 compared to 203 for the previous year. He talked about the change in debt structure and future plans for West including the use of the purchased land that is adjacent to West. Phase I of future development is for the building on the adjacent land to be demolished in the spring of 2009 and the site to be used for parking, giving West better visibility from Fernbrook Lane. Additional fundraising will occur before Phase II & III can be implemented. Both of these phases include reconfiguring and/or additions to the existing West building.

Mr. Meitner gave the Athletic Department report. Funds given by PFOW last year were used for a baseball cage used in the gym and new girls' basketball uniforms.

Mrs. Glowdoski gave Music report. Music Department needs to raise \$12,000 to be used mainly for transportation to out-of-state band and choral fests over the next 2 years. She also talked about the Drama Program. A children's play will be presented in the fall. It is anticipated that the spring production will be a musical.

Mr. Merten gave Technology report. New web-based software was demonstrated. The software will allow teachers to track homework assignments, test scores, grades, and other information. Parents & students will have access to view the student's information with a secure login. Teachers have begun to use the system and more information will be provided to parents when implementation is complete.

Debbie Keeley gave Treasurer's report. Report was reviewed and approved. The Canteen checking account has a balance of \$10,940 and the PFOW checking account has a balance of \$209. It was decided to give \$8,000 to West from the Canteen account and transfer \$1,500 from the Canteen account to the PFOW account. Minutes from 2007 meeting were distributed and approved.

Officers for 2008-2009 are:

President: Gerald Coffey  
Vice President: Cory Funk  
Secretary/Treasurer: Vicky Dwyer

Motion was made to have Vice President sign all checks written from PFOW account since Treasurer is responsible for reconciling & reporting on PFOW and Canteen bank accounts. This measure ensures good checks & balances are in place. Motion was approved.

Ways to increase participation in PFOW were discussed, including listing the annual meeting on West's activity calendar and getting word out to "Friends" of West.

Mr. Bain gave Wise Penny report. Wise Penny gave West \$129,000 last year. It is run largely by volunteers with the only paid positions being 1 full-time manager and 2 part-time assistant managers. To show appreciation for volunteers' continued support West will be hosting the Wise Penny Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at West on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Soup/sandwiches/dessert will be served at 4:00.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Dwyer  
PFOW Secretary/Treasurer