

Parents & Friends of West (PFW)

Minutes of Meeting held September 23, 2009

The meeting was opened with a devotion by Cory Funk.

Vicky Dwyer read the minutes from the previous year. Motion was passed to approve minutes.

Vicky Dwyer gave Treasurer's report. Report was reviewed and approved. The Canteen checking account had a balance of \$8,888 and the PFW account had a balance of \$534 as of 07-31-09. It was decided to give \$6,400 to West from the Canteen account and transfer \$1,000 from the Canteen account to the PFW account.

Mr. Meitner gave Principal's report. Mr. Baures was introduced as the new choir, band, drama, art teacher. Karla Smith was thanked for all her efforts with basketball, the website, posters, and auction materials. Current enrollment is 164 compared to 192 for the previous year. Fifty congregations are represented at West, over 50% of enrolled students are members of the following congregations: King of Grace, Salem, St. John's. The decline in enrollment is a result of smaller association grade schools and member parents of association churches not being dedicated to sending students to West. Financial update: last year's loss was \$140,000, 75% of income comes from tuition, remainder of income comes from association's congregation giving and Wise Penny. New initiatives taken: board began Strengthening the Lampstand Capital Campaign, funds from Wayzata School District for guidance counseling that is being done by West staff are being sought, Phil Meitner and Nathan Veach are visiting grade schools for recruiting purposes, and Merl Meitner is meeting with all current students to discuss GPA, class rank, schedules, and post-high school plans, and asking them for feedback regarding West. Next year's budget will be worked on and finalized in April

Mr. Jensen gave the Athletic Department report. Funds given by PFW this year will be used for upkeep of the athletic field and sports uniforms. Basketball tryouts will be held Thanksgiving week for boys, and the week prior for girls. There is interest in having a boy's golf team again. Girls could participate on the boy's team. West will co-op with Breck for girls gymnastics and with Providence for boys hockey.

Mr. Merten gave Curriculum & Guidance report. October 6<sup>th</sup> is Testing/Career Day. Sophomores will be taking the PLAN test, a predicting test published by the ACT Corporation. Juniors will take a retired version of an ACT test in the morning and review the results and talk about future ACT test strategies in the afternoon. Seniors will use the program, Keys to Success after High School, which covers subjects as applications, interviews, and other job/career seeking skills. November 17<sup>th</sup> is college info/guidance evening. Results of fall's standardized test will be distributed for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders and parents. There will be a college information session for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders and parents.

Changes to classes offered: 10<sup>th</sup> grade Phy ed./Health is now an elective, Honors English has been changed to target the CLEP test, Microsoft Applications is a new class offered, and two PSEO (Post Secondary Enrollment Options) courses are now available at West. This is a co-op program that offers dual credits with Concordia University in St. Paul. The courses are PSEO Western Civilization and PSEO Calculus.

Mr. Baures gave Fine Arts report. Spaghetti fundraiser dinner and concert will be October 13<sup>th</sup>. Concert will have patriotic theme. Funds will be used for future choral and band fests to be held at Arizona Lutheran. Play auditions have been held for the fall children's production of King Arthur's Calamity.

Mr. Bain gave Wise Penny report. Wise Penny has given West \$78,750 to date. Their sales are down from past years. The annual meeting is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. PFOW will host a luncheon for the volunteers after the meeting. Approximately 40 people are expected.

Officers for 2009-2010 are:

President: Cory Funk  
Vice President: Kim Class  
Secretary/Treasurer: Vicky Dwyer

Cory Funk asked for a motion for PFOW funds to be used to purchase West Lutheran buttons that would be for sale at sporting events for \$2 each which would cover the cost of the buttons. Buttons would promote the school. A suggestion was made to make the buttons available for a suggested donation of \$5 each with the \$3 profit to be used for a special project to be decided in the future. The amended motion was approved.

Betsy Liberato, representing the auction committee, stated that a nonprofit organization's name is required to appear on the license necessary to serve wine at the auction. It was determined that WLHS is a nonprofit so the license could be issued in WLHS's name. If for some reason this isn't acceptable the PFOW is a nonprofit and the license can be issued in the PFOW's name.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Dwyer  
PFOW Secretary/Treasurer