

**Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting**  
**Oct 9, 2023**  
**6:00 PM in the Media Center and via Zoom**

**AGENDA**

**I. Discussion Items**

- A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions -Melanie Gambone
  - 1. Fill out [Code of Ethics](#)
  - 2. Fill out [Conflict of Interest](#)
  - 3. All Board members need to be [members](#)
  
- B. Principal's Report - Mrs. Thomas
  - 1. 2092 students as of the 20 day count (7 new students since)
  - 2. Exceeded growth to score "B" on report card for this year
  - 3. Graduation rate was almost 90% - higher than the past
  - 4. Homecoming Dance over 800 kids, well behaved. Use little water bottles next year to decrease waste. Liked the DJ, miscommunication for last song (ended 10 minutes early)
  - 5. Cognia certification ongoing
  - 6. Thanks for painting the front office. Now ordering new chairs.
  - 7. Need Math position (more than one position)
  
- C. Staff Update - Mr. Tacito George/Amy Burger
  - 1. Mrs. Burger forwarded the newsletter to staff
  - 2. Mr. George will work on spreading the word about joining
  
- D. Approval of [Minutes](#) - (click on link for draft minutes)

Motion to Approve made by: Stacey

Seconded by: Kim

In favor: all

Nays: none

Abstain:

Motion Passes/Fails: Passes

- E. Budget/Financial Report - Larissa Moore  
[September Budget](#)

**II. Committee Reports**

- A. Fundraising
  - 1. Spirit Nights - Kim Bailey

- I am still waiting to hear back from PDQ about how our night went. Wondering if he mailed a check and just didn't reply to my email.
- Our next Spirit Night will be at Culver's on Oct. 18th from 5-8PM and we get 10% of all sales!
- Our final one for this semester will be at Jeremiah's. We ran a contest to name our WFHS flavor. Have we gotten many entries? **Only one entry right now.** That event will be on Nov. 14th and we get 10% of sales the whole day.
  - Will follow up with Melissa to get posted on social media again. Will also have on the morning announcements.

2. Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplawski/Amy Reigle/Melanie Gambone

- a) Keep bringing your donations to the Giving Tree. Last week was triple points but every Monday and Tuesday are double points.
- b) Harris Teeter- \$333 earned so far. Loading more names we have 252 now.
- c) Melanie following up with Lowe's to see if a check is coming soon.

3. Cougar Challenge - Stacey Robinson

- a) As of August 31st we had \$1114.39
- b) As of September 30th we had \$1335.00
- c) So far in October we have an additional \$305.00 for a total of \$2754.39

B. Communication (add three emails so people can send to all three to be posted/consider having ONE email for all communication)

1. Website - Karen Mallo

- a) Website was updated last weekend to include senior information, hospitality pictures, fundraising, etc.
- b) Please send any new pictures or details to [tkmallo95@gmail.com](mailto:tkmallo95@gmail.com) for me to update. Welcome any suggestions!!

2. Newsletter - Amy Reigle

- a) Deadline for information: 25th of the month. Please send me updates when you send to other communication outlets so that I can add them to the newsletter. I don't get info from most groups and have to grab things from our social media posts. Just send it right away, no need to wait for the end of the month! [Amyreigle@gmail.com](mailto:Amyreigle@gmail.com)

- b) Will start to send a reminder each month to the board members to remind to add information to the newsletter
- c) Media center personnel are updating the school website

3. Social Media - Melissa Gilmore

- a) Keeping up with PTSA information as well as relevant school news from Ms. Thomas, the WFHS Counselors, and other school groups.
- b) Should I go ahead and post about volunteer signup through WCPSS? My approval took less than 2 weeks.
- c) Info published for PTSA scholarship. I will keep reposting a couple of times a month..
- d) A Prom save the date has been published, but we have not received the ticket link or pricing information yet. Please pass it on as soon as the info is available.
- e) Will keep advertising for our upcoming spirit night at Culver's on 10/18 from 5 - 8pm. Will Ms. Thomas be sending out an email to parents regarding our spirit nights? Has the contest info been settled on for the Jeremiah's Ice contest for our Nov spirit night?
- f) Posted about PTSA Memberships, linking grocery cards, and Giving Tree as triple points.. Will make another post about our Cougar Challenge fundraiser. I still need the signup for the upcoming senior snack.
- g) Class of 2024 spirit wear post will be made tomorrow.

C. Nominating Committee - Karin Kuropas

- 1. No update, will get busy in the spring

D. Membership-Stacey Robinson

- 1. We currently have 130 members, 32 of those are staff and 6 are students.
- 2. Last month we had 84 members, , 30 were staff and 4 students
- 3. Add to the staff email reminding them to join
- 4. Add to mailbox treats to teachers

E. Senior Class Activities - Jodi Stalfire (stepping down from leadership)

- 1. Breakfast dates - will send to Mrs. Thomas (a few options) with a make up date as well
- 2. First quarter treats coming soon - many holidays in November this year so working around that - will need to stuff and sort (ask student clubs to help)

F. Hospitality - Melanie Gambone

1. The Cougar Dash was a great success, many thanks to Celeste for making the posters for our carts, and Amy Reigle and Stacey Robinson for “doing the Dash”...everyone enjoyed it!

2. October 25th we will be having a staff luncheon, and are still looking for volunteers to help either with volunteering or donations. Setting up after school on the 24th.

G. Advocacy - Gina Haines

1. Working on Mindful Monday quotes for October

H. Scholarships - Tracie Matthews

1. There were flyers at Senior Night and Melaine talked about the scholarships. Lots of flyers were taken that night. Was in the newsletter and should be on the school scholarship website.
2. Bryce Gibbons is the councilor in charge of scholarships

I. Staff and Club Grants- Kim Keith

1. A few grants have been processed and a few others are in process

J. Student Health and Wellness- Claire Reigle -

1. October is bully prevention month. We are having a slogan contest and posting the slogans in the windows of the main hallway in the school.
2. Posters with more info are going up around the school and we are trying to get students to fill out a pumpkin with” advice to your younger self” to put up with the slogans.
3. Cougar Paws on Tuesday - teachers can discuss and pass out to have completed then return them to have cut out by clubs
4. Tech theater is working on anti bully campaign posters around the school
5. Add Slogan requests to the student announcements

K. Student Achievement- Gina Haines

1. Spoken with Mrs. Rendina to coordinate

L. Other School Organizations:

1. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore
  - a) There is an information session October 17 at 6:30 on Zoom, come hear what we do !
  - b) Next Meeting is November 7, all are welcome.
  - c) We have a College Fair on November 16 during 3rd period and lunches. (9 to 11th grade night that day as well)
2. Athletic Boosters -
  - a) Help needed in concessions- go to Booster Hub to sign up.

3. JROTC -

- a) Annual fish fry - Oct. 20 tickets are \$10.00 each (Cadets are selling tickets now and they are also available online at <https://www.wakeforesthsjrotc.net/more/store>. Volunteers and donations are always appreciated!
- b) Building JROTC Raiders Obstacle Course - 5 Obstacles to build, materials have been acquired, but in need of handy people. Date: TBD (hopefully late October)
- c) Next JROTC Spirit Night: November 14, 2023  
Char-Grill in Wake Forest. 3pm - Close
- d) Upcoming Events:
  - (1) JROTC Color Guard and Raiders Competition in Knightdale - October 14th.
  - (2) Veterans Day Parade - November 4th
  - (3) Hasentree Veterans Golf - November 11th
  - (4) Men's Soccer Tournament - November 17th
- e) Please text Diana at 770-841-7759 for additional information.

4. FFA-no update

5. Band Boosters -

- a) Band Concert and Lumpy's on October 17 7:00 pm

6. Art/Drama -

- a) *Seed Folks* is the Matinee Players show. Oct. 19-6PM, Oct. 20-10:30 AM
- b) *Enough* is a collaboration play consisting of 6 short plays highlighting the need for awareness of gun violence. Ms. Rendina has invited other schools to collaborate. Show is on Nov. 6 at 6PM
- c) *Mamma Mia* is the big Musical this Fall/Winter! Dec 1, 2, 3 and 7,8,9. Times will be at 7 except for the matinees at 3

6. SIT - was not able to attend the last meeting

7. BAC meetings - the first BAC meeting will be Oct 10 at 6pm...all are invited

### III. Announcements/Closing Remarks

A. Announcements:

- 1. Next Meeting: Nov 13

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B. Q&A

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C. Meeting Adjourned at 7:00

Adjourned: