

**WEST END SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION**  
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**PA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

December 16, 2022  
9:00 am Via Zoom

**I. Opening Exercise**

Co-President, Rebecca Weel called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. There were approximately 38 participants on Zoom.

Rebecca shared a Mentimeter about what we are looking forward to over break. Relaxing, family, sleep, togetherness and hot chocolate were some of the most mentioned.

**II. Opening Exercise**

Reviewed and approved November PA meeting minutes. 96% approved

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Received \$40,000 of annual \$120,000 in family giving. We are a bit behind last year at this point and have a higher goal this year.

Outdoor bound college line item will have expenses against it. Cabaret night was profitable with approximately \$4,200 in revenue.

There is \$46,000 in our Capital One account and \$170,000 in total in bank accounts.

The eighth graders have not had a trip. It will be partially funded by the school, but PA is asking for \$20,000 to help subsidize the trip. Parents will be asked to contribute as well.

Motion was made to add \$20,000 to the PA budget for 2022-2023 year. Motion was unanimously approved.

If parents are able and capable to make a contribution, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the year.

Treasurers can be reached at [patreasurer@westendsecondary.com](mailto:patreasurer@westendsecondary.com) with any questions.

#### **IV. Administration Update**

Karyn Gooden, WESS Parent Coordinator, shared the PA is hosting a teacher appreciation lunch today for the teachers and staff.

Had our first NHS (National Honor Society) induction in person, which was the first time in 3-4 years. Students can apply in seventh grade for Junior Honor Society for eighth and ninth grade. In ninth grade, they're allowed to apply for the National Honor Society which is for 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

Senior intensive will get their permission slips today or Monday. If you have a 12th grader who will not be here next Wednesday or next Thursday, please let Karyn Gooden know so she doesn't make reservations where we don't need to.

Costa Rica letters will go out. 53 students applied for 35 seats. Students will be waitlisted.

Information for the 8th grade trip will come out next week for their Washington, DC trip.

#### **V. Upcoming Events**

WESS parents meetup on January 11 at 7:00 pm at the Bryant Park Winter Village Lodge. It is being sponsored by HS Rep Liz Sorem and PA VP Middle School Jennifer Richey.

WESS Spring Benefit - Friday, March 31 7-10 pm at the Hudson. Next planning meeting is January 10, 2023 on Zoom. Parents are encouraged to begin soliciting donations and gifts.

The International Food Festival will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at WESS to focus on foods and cultures from around the world that we have in our WESS community. This will be hosted by the Diversity and Inclusions VPs. First planning meeting will be held in January. Please email [pavpdei@westendsecondary.com](mailto:pavpdei@westendsecondary.com) if you are interested in helping plan the event.

WESS Cares is still collecting gifts to help other families in our school community. Please contact Dana Spivack. It is very easy to contribute.

#### **VI.. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Barry G. Waldman

Barry G. Waldman, Recording Secretary