

WEST END SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION
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PA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2023
6:30 pm Via Zoom

I. Opening Exercise

Co-President, Rebecca Weel called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. There were approximately 64 participants on Zoom.

Principal Jessica Jenkins kicked off the meeting with a discussion and exercise related to expeditionary learning. Everyone had the opportunity to attend three different sessions led by teachers that were about twelve minutes, followed by two or three minutes of questions from parents.

Everyone rotated through three breakout groups out of a possible five:

- Standards Based Grading and JumpRope
- Learning Expeditions/Workshop Learning
- Crew
- The Arts and Expeditions
- Our College Office

II. President's Report

Had a successful middle school and high school outing to Bryant Park last week that was enjoyed by all.

December minutes were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

Tax acknowledgements for 2022 Family Giving were sent in the last few days. Anybody that has a mistake in their statement or did not receive can contact the treasurers.

Family Giving has increased \$31,000 since last month. We are significantly behind prior years and the budget was increased by \$10,000 this year. We are \$20,000 behind where we were at this point last year.

Amazon Smile is being discontinued by Amazon in February.

Spring Benefit expenses are increased by \$1,600 due to increased costs for the venue and for check-in technology.

Senior intensives, including bowling, ice skating and Nosh Walks tour were funded along with Take 2 Film.

Treasurers can be reached at patreasurer@westendsecondary.com with any questions.

IV. Upcoming Events

The International Food Festival will be held on Saturday, March 4, 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 along with administration, SLT and PA. Please email pavpdei@westendsecondary.com if you are interested in helping plan the event.

WESS Spring Benefit - Friday, March 31 7-10 pm at the Hudson. Erin Banks is the Chairperson of the committee. Parents are encouraged to begin soliciting donations and gifts. Flyer and donation form links can be found at www.wessbenefit.com. Reach out to the team at wessbenefit@gmail.com. Erin will be “walking the block” on Tuesdays to solicit businesses for donations. Team is also looking for grade-level baskets.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Barry G. Waldman
Barry G. Waldman, Recording Secretary