

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

June 13, 2023  
9:00 AM Via Zoom

**I. Opening**

Co-President, Rebecca Weel called the meeting to order at 9:12 am. There were approximately 32 participants on Zoom.

**Agenda**

- Announcements and Information for Parents
- Election for the WESS PA Co-Treasurer
- Vote to approve Updated Bylaws and PA Budget

May PA meeting minutes were approved.

**II. President's Report**

Yvette Russell and Skip Card spoke of the senior graduation this evening as both have senior students.

The Sports Banquet was rescheduled and held last night thanks to the hard work and efforts of Marc Lovci and the whole WESS Boosters team. Special thanks to Street Taco on Broadway and 102nd St for their flexibility in catering the event!

The first ever Arts Festival will be held June 15, 5:30 pm at school with art displayed by Nicole's art students and music and dance performances by middle school students coordinated by Sarah. Thanks for their efforts to launch this new WESS event.

The PA is taking up a collection for Teacher Year End Gifts to ensure every teacher and staff person receives a gift card. Families can donate via Venmo or PayPal.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Jill Gabin and Marc Ehrlich presented the Treasurers' Report followed by the proposed PA Budget for the 2023-24 school year. This was approved by vote. Several people thanked them for their contributions to the WESS community.

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

**IV. PA Elections**

Jason Benowitz and Trish Bechard were elected Co-Treasurers for the next school year.

**V. WESS PA Bylaws**

The updated PA Bylaws were approved by unanimous vote.

**VI. The Year in Review**

A summary of the PA's efforts throughout the school year were summarized in "Thanks for a Great Year" section, highlighting Parent and Student Socials including Cabaret Night, Parent Education Seminars, Food Festival, WESS Spring Benefit, WESS Cares Holiday Drive, Teacher Appreciation Team, WESS Boosters, Co-Treasurers, Welcome Coffee. Special thanks to Jessica Jenkins, WESS Administration, Karyn Gooden, WESS Teachers and Staff, and the WESS Families and their contributions.

**VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Barry G. Waldman

Rebecca Weel, PA Co-President and Barry G. Waldman, Recording Secretary