

J.E.B. Stuart PTSA Meeting

May 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the President, Cindy Waters. A list of attendees is attached to the original records of the minutes.

Approval of minutes: It was MOVED and SECONDED to approve the minutes of the April PTSA minutes. The motion passed.

Principal's Report and SGA Report – Sean DeRose began the presentation. He acknowledged the support of parents as a vital part of the success of the school and students. He announced Stuart is in the second week of SOL testing. Next week the underclassmen will be tested. There are three half days in June. Graduation is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Jones announced that the position held by Martha Duran in the front office will not be lost as previously announced. Planning for the next school year is underway. This is the last year for the modified school calendar which allows our students to take 2 classes in summer school. There will be 2 sessions. The online classes have a 50 percent pass rate.

The 50th anniversary ceremony is being planned. If it rains for graduation, families will be limited to 3 tickets and it will be held in the main gym with overflow in the auditorium and Little Theater. The current enrollment is 1,674.

Guidance Report – (Christy Close)

She invited parents to join the advisory committee. She also announced that Stuart has been recognized by the ASCA Model Program (RAMP) and that a press released with be issued about the award. Only 3 high schools in Virginia won the award.

Convocation will be held May 28th and the entire school will attend. The awards for academics and community scholarships will be awarded. Seniors (and some juniors) will be recognized for their scholarships and awards.

Touching Bases was successful this year. The staff is working on ways to improve this event for next year and it will be held in late fall and spring.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Gallagher announced the allocations for Taste of the Town have been paid. The group thanked Ann for her work as PTSA treasurer.

Audit Committee – Ann Gallagher, Peggy Veroneau and Regina Derzon were appointed to serve as the audit committee for the SY 2008-2009 financial records of the PTSA.

Ann also announced that the Certificate of Deposit matures June 1 and \$1,500 will be withdrawn to pay for former year's scholarship in addition to the current year total scholarships of \$4,000 (\$5,500).

Kari Kelley is in charge of being in touch with Guidance to identify 2 candidates (2 full IB candidate; 1 non-IB candidate) for the PTSA Scholarships.

Beth Santos mentioned the Nancy Svendsen Memorial Garden (the planted area outside the Little Theater) is being developed. The fund is \$500; \$200 of this was collected by teachers and \$300 was donated by the PTSA. Kristina Crane is getting a plaque for the garden.

JEB Stuart Educational Foundation Scholarship – It was announced that just under 50 students were awarded scholarships totaling \$93,000. The Foundation is working with Ms. Jones to piggyback and event during the 50th anniversary celebration.

All Night Party – Maria Haynes announced that 75 tickets have been sold; volunteers are in place for the June 2 event (11 p.m.-5 a.m.) at the Audrey Moore Recreation Center. About \$20,000 has been raised. There are a total of about 400 seniors in the Class of 2009.

Athletic Boosters – Maria Haynes announced that officers are in place for next year and the group is looking into bulk purchasing of food supplies with other organizations.

Band Boosters – Debbie Rosse announced the Band Boosters' May 8 concert was a success; CDs of the concert are available.

Crew Boosters – Veronica Kinney thanked the PTSA Taste of the Town group for the donation to Crew (and other organizations). She also announced that Crew will have a fundraiser at Moe's on May 27. Crew had 3 boats that were state champions this season – Abby Voss (F-single); Tarek Al-Khulaidy (M-single) and the Men's Quad (Nathan Bent, Francis Kinney, Alex Trakowski and Jacob Derzon). The National Rowing Regatta will be held this weekend in Princeton, NJ. The Crew is planning several fundraising car washes in the next few months along with its annual Wreath and Poinsettia Sale.

Hospitality Committee – Cindy Waters read a letter from a staff member expressing gratitude to the committee and PTSA for its support. Joni Laurence reported the attendance at the special events during the year has been great and the staff was very appreciative. Mr. DeRose said it was a tremendous morale booster and was greatly appreciated. A Back to School Breakfast will be held before school starts in the fall.

Fundraising Committee – Peggy Veroneau announced that grocery receipts brought in about \$5,000 this year.

Joni Laurence announced that form need to be ready by August 7 for distribution in the Back to School packets on Raider Day.

Cindy Waters announced that Martha Duran's position would be retained; the bus for Bailey's has been added back into the budget; IB/AP fees have been proposed; the budget adoption for FCPS will be next week.

Newsletter – Kathi Dutilh announced articles are due the Thursday after each meeting by 3:00 p.m. and should be submitted electronically. The newsletter is only available as an electronic document.

Nominating Committee – Joni Laurence presented the slate of officers for the 2009-2010 PTSA School Year as follows:

President – Cindy Waters
Vice President/School Activities – Laura May
Vice President/Communications– Joni Laurence
Vice President/Fundraising – Jane Mattoon
Member at Large – Mike Newbold
Recording Secretary – Suzanne Richardson
Corresponding Secretary – Barbara Jones
Treasurer – Jude Welling

It was moved and seconded to approve the slate of officers. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Warner Derzon
Secretary

(Attachments to Original Minutes)