

**General Membership Meeting  
December 13, 2016  
Library, 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Barb Waldmiller. A quorum was established.

**PRESENT:** Barb Waldmiller, Sharon Stemme, Christine Smith, Melissa Coughlin, Jim McIlwee, Sonya Anyanwu, Dave Stewart, Heather Bridgeman, Dave Jagels, Magdalena Woodberry, Sara Hall, Debbie Kilpatrick, and Ken Waldmiller.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the November 2016 General Membership Meeting were presented. Barb noted 2 corrections. Scholarship on 3/10 and PTSA not PTA. Jim motioned to accept the minutes as amended and Barb seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Melissa reported that she deposited \$1,070 for ANGP from ticket sales and yard signs. There has been very little activity this month. Audit will be done next month. Sharon and past LMS treasurer will do the audit. Debbie Kilpatrick volunteered to be on audit committee if needed.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Membership dues were sent in on 11/30. We have approximately 12 new members and a few no fuss fundraiser donations. Directory is at the printers and will hopefully be handed out on Friday.

**COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP REPORT:** No report this month.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Barb reported that we need a new treasurer ASAP from now until June 30. Melissa resigned in July but has been kind and stayed on to help but due to professional obligations she can no longer serve. We must have a treasurer in order for the PTSA to continue. Please contact Barb if you are interested and spread the word to others. Debbie asked if ANGP had their own treasurer and if so, would that person be willing to take on the job.
- Barb provided copies of the 2017-2018 calendar that has been approved.
- The scholarship is available and is due on 3/10/17. Paper copies are available and the fillable application is online.

**ANGP:** No report this month, Karyn is home sick

## **PROGRAM:**

Barb introduced the program for the evening-Dave Jagels, school principal  
Dave welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He said students are getting restless with 3 days until Winter break. He is willing to answer any questions:

Q: How is the superintendent search going?

A: They have hired a private firm. The goal is to hire by July. It will be a tough year for the interim superintendent with the budget. As if now there is a \$75 million shortfall which could lead to increased class sizes and decreased programs.

Q: Is there a budget task force?

A: Yes and there are high school representatives. Staffing is 85% of the budget.

Q: What happens if they decrease the number of periods in the school day?

A: There would be less electives and less staff needed

Q: Attendee has heard that there are behavior issues in the classrooms. Can parents volunteer to help in the classroom?

A: Staff is looking into attendance and tardies to get students in class and engaged. The more they are on time and engaged the less disruptive they will be. Extra supports can be added in specific classrooms if needed. Please let Mr. Jagels know the specific class in private and he will address but he does not see a need for parental support at this time.

Q: How do we recognize students?

A: Working on changing the ways we recognize students. Mailing "All A" honor roll certificates home, setting up an "On a roll" to recognize students who are improving.

Q: Grading-how is new policy working?

A: The new policy is that there are no zeros given out and that students have a second chance on assessments. This is a county wide program and there are some growing pains with it. Grading is challenging and subjective. It is too early to see full results but it appears that it is not really helping the students with A/B's but is boosting students who have previously had D/F's. There is no data on retakes yet but will start pulling it now that a quarter is done. Some things still need to be worked out-how many retakes, what work needs to be done in order to be allowed to do a retake-it is a work in progress.

Q: SIS-live gradebook-how are teachers doing?

A: The goal is to have at least one grade per week posted. It is challenging as some grades are weighted more than others so student's grade can fluctuate. Be patient as teachers get used to new system and don't hesitate to contact them if you have questions.

Q: When is too late to change a class?

A: End of first quarter is usually the time. We want students engaged and not to shut down. If they are stressed and need to change then they should meet with counselor. There have been about 150 changes so far this year, mostly switching from AP to honors class.

Q: Is there a correlation between AP 5 and student grade in class?

A: Not at this point as the AP grade is not received until the summer and school grades are done. The number the student receives on AP test can help with college credit.

Q: Can AP class exempt student from SOL test?

A: Not at this point. If students were exempt it would be nice for them but would be a disadvantage for the school as most likely the overall SOL scores for school would go down. Now that we are starting school earlier in the year we will have more time to cover material for AP tests and hope that those scores will increase.

Q: How are AP tests scored?

A: they are "normed". Teachers from all across the country volunteer to grade. They go for 7 days. They rank from 5 as the best down to 1 based on the norms. Teachers that have volunteered to grade have all said that they are better AP teachers after participating in the scoring.

Q: Can you tell us about the pantry and what it needs?

A: We have 44 unaccompanied youth and are enrolling about 5/week. The pantry has been set up to assist these students and others at the school. We also have an increasing ESOL population, our teachers have increased from 4 to 9. We have 26% of students on free and reduced lunch plan. The pantry is only doing food now but we hope to be able to provide clothes and other needs in the future.

Q: How are we doing with students in crisis?

A: We are trying to reach out faster. The number one issue is stress. There have been 8 hospitalizations so far this year. Project Aware and the additional training and staff should help with the situation. The number of substance abuse issues are down this year, no weapons in the school and no alcohol incidents since the beginning of the year at football game.

Q: What can we do to help with senior stress?

A: Help students with a plan. There should be a plan A, plan B, plan C, etc. School staff and parents can both help with these plans. Talk with students and encourage them to talk with others about their plans and options. NOVA a great option and should not be discounted.

In closing-CVHS is a great school and has great kids, Mr. Jagels and his staff are working to keep making it better.

Barb thanked Mr. Jagels for speaking and thanked all for coming. Next PTSA meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and the topic is AP Enrollment. Faculty & Staff will be presenting information valuable to parents & guardians on this timely topic. Students will be making their course selections in early February for the 2017-18 school year. Korean & Spanish translators will be available

**Adjournment: 8:15 pm.**

**The minutes were approved on January 17, 2017. The motion was made by Sonya Anyanwu and seconded by Donna Rogers. Sharon Stemme, Recording Secretary**