

**Minutes of the James Madison High School PTSA
Monday, October 16, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

In attendance: Betsy Boswell Fusca, Greg Hood, Beth Eachus, Maureen Allen, Michelle Kang, Marjorie Veiga, Monica Anshel, Ellen MacGregor, Shelly Koshuta, Jenny Thompson, Rossana Carney, Barbara heider, Amanda Norton, Kebra Krol, Ann Kuhlkin, Sylvia Martin Estes, Terry Bachmann, Patty Shields, Lenka Denemark, Joceline Nahigian, Ashley Anderson, Stephanie Schubring, Pam Styles, Grace Feuchter

Call to Order and Welcome – Betsy Boswell Fusca

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

The September minutes were presented. Beth Eachus made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Patty Shields seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

III. Principal Report - Greg Hood

Principal Hood discussed what makes a great school and thanked everyone involved in Ethics Day for their help in putting on the event. He reported that 50 percent of seniors participated.

IV. Student Services – Timothy Buckley

Ashley Anderson reported for Timothy Buckley. She announced that there had been a high number of transcripts requested this year. She added that first quarter report cards will not be mailed, but will be available online.

V. Student Report

Grace Feuchter from SGA reported on the Food Drive. She announced it would kick off with Penny Wars on Nov. 6 and run through Thanksgiving break. With regards to Homecoming, Miss Feuchter reported that the participation at the parade, the dance and spirit wear purchases had been outstanding.

VI. President's Report - Betsy Boswell Fusca

Betsy Boswell Fusca reported on Ethics Day, thanking the Rotary Club for their support. She indicated that the event which was held at the Vienna Community Center was very interactive. 70 volunteers participated in the event to make it a success. She added that the event will be held again next year, but likely will not be on the same day as the PSAT.

Ms. Fusca said that new PTSA volunteers were needed for next year as many roles are currently held by senior parents. She explained that there would be minority achievement changes to cultural diversity. She also announced that Rosanna Carney would be the new representative.

Madison is still considering opening a food pantry. PTSA has gotten helpful information from Oakton HS. More information will be coming next month.

VII. Treasurer's Report – Marcy Davidson

Marcy Davidson presented the proposed 2017-2018 budget. Terri Bachmann made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Barb Heider seconded the motion. A vote was held and the 2017-2018 budget was approved by the PTSA membership.

Ms. Davidson also presented the recommendations from last year's audit committee.

Recommendations include: having someone perform a bank reconciliation, providing additional details regarding ANG funds as part of the treasurer report, and providing additional signatures for cash transfers.

There was discussion on the proper amount of money to have in the budget from year to year. Terri Bachman noted that it was good to have money to use for the principal's fund and as a cushion.

VII. Committee Reports

Hospitality: Kebra Krol announced that there would be treats for teachers on November 3. She also asked for donations of holiday treats on December 6.

Directory: Jenny Thompson informed PTSA an email went out to parents with details to log into the online directory. Parents have the ability to alter their information online, or can email her with change requests.

Parent Programs: Upcoming parent program, "Little Known Secrets of Paying for College" will be held on Thursday, October 24th from 7-9 p.m. The next program, 10 Ways to Stop Defiance, will be on November 15.

All Night Grad: Patty Shields announced that the first ANG meeting would be held on November 13 at 6:30 p.m. Graduation this year is at 7 p.m. ANG will start at 11 p.m. She asked for volunteers of to help with the set-up.

Baccalaureate: Terri Bachmann, Silva Martin Estes and Jen Condon are working on this year's Baccalaureate. They reported that a theme has yet to be determined and they are in the process of asking for speakers.

Membership: PTSA is more than \$5,000 ahead in memberships to date with over \$26,000 and 733 members. We have received \$13,500 in dues and \$13,000 in donations.

Athletic Boosters: The golf tournament, held at Westwood Country Club, did very well. Winter tryouts begin on November 6. Parents should plan ahead as walk-in registrations may not be allowed.

MAD Memos: Deadline for MAD Memos is October 25.

Superintendent Report: Ann Kuhlkin announced the next superintendent meeting at Langston Hughes MS on Wednesday, October 18 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Academic Boosters: Mock SAT and ACT will be held on November 11.

Band: The marching ensemble took first place at Herndon HS competition. They took 2nd place in the preliminary and 4th place overall at the University of Delaware Bands of America competition. Madison was a 2017-2018 Blue Ribbon Winner for the southern region based on 4 years of all bands at the school.

Chorus: Chorus concert on October 18. Pie sale fundraiser is underway.

Drama: The fall play, Macbeth, will be Nov. 9-11. Tickets are available online.

XI. Old Business: No news to report.

XII. New Business: Next meeting will be November 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.