

Voorhees HS PTSO – Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2019

Attendance –

Kim Parker – PTSO President

Jenn Rispoli – PTSO Treasurer

John Simpson – Assistant Principal, VHS

Laura Joiner – Parent

Kathleen Walton – Parent

Beth Kavanaugh – Parent

Rosa Uglomo - Parent

Kim Parker called the meeting to order – 7:06 PM

Meeting Minutes – will be approved at each monthly meeting, and then will be sent to members and posted online on the VHS PTSO webpage.

Treasurer’s Report –

Starting Balance 2,099.54

Insurance for 2019/2020 school paid \$401.00

Paid NJ Annual Report \$25.00

Ending Balance \$1,728.25 (as of 8/31/19)

Back to School Night Deposit - \$670.00 – 45 members (as of 9/10/19)

Tax Exempt cards are available for future purchases – See Jenn if you need to make a purchase at a store to see if we have a tax-exempt card already.

Amazon Gift Cards – we currently have 26 (\$10) gift cards. Will need to purchase more around November 2019. Mr. Simpson defined the need for them, we actually need 24. (4) Sept/Oct, (4) Nov, (4) Dec/Jan, (4) Feb, (4) Mar/Apr, (4) May/June – 1 for a Freshman, 1 for a Sophomore, 1 for a Junior, and 1 for a Senior in each of these months. Motion made to continue the Amazon gift card program. All ayes. Motion made to approve Treasurer report. All ayes.

Mr. Simpson’s Report –

Nothing official to report. Conversation ensued about the need for a new electronic signboard for outside of the school. Previous inquires had revealed it would cost upwards of \$30,000. Possibly something we could fundraise for, long term.

PTSO meeting announcement was emailed out to members by Maren in an email. Board did not ask for a reminder email to be sent. Future meetings, Kim will notify Maren, to ask for a reminder meeting notice to be emailed to VHS community members.

Old Business – none

New Business –

Amazon Gift cards – see Treasurer report

Food Truck Fundraiser for Homecoming (Oct 4) – Food trucks will be available before the game up until 6:59 PM. BBQ truck company needs a generator (Daniel found one! Yeah!). BBQ truck and Kona Ice are booked for next year. Flatbread truck is still unconfirmed. Kathleen has tried to reach him and isn't hearing back from Mark. Carlton (former VP) has reached out to another food truck to try and fill the hole. Laura Joiner is Mark's neighbor and will try to reach him and see if he can confirm the date. Advertisements: Will advertise internally to VHS population. Flyer to be made and sent to sending districts to be put in virtual backpack. Mr. Simpson will remind coaches to tell their students about it so that students that are coming from away and home games can participate the event.

Annual Raffle – more to come at October meeting. Raffle license needs to be renewed before March. Renewal application received 9/16/19. Chairperson might be needed. (Jenn will check the membership forms received thus far). Want to discuss at Oct meeting ways to save money on printing, and mailing. Challenges are finding schedules to meet with others. POP Concerts and Fencing tournaments were a great way to sell tickets. Raffle sales during multiple events might be more successful. Come to October meeting with ideas of who can sell tickets, and where can we print so we can sell at winter events.

Senior Parking Space Fundraiser – Idea is that seniors with parking spaces could decorate their parking space for spirit week. Students would pay a fee (by check \$25), submit their design for approval by administration and design their space – deposit forms and fees in a collection box to be emptied by PTSO board member. If students deviate from their design they would face a suspension of their spot for a pre-determined slot of time. Materials would have to be water-based paint or chalk. Supplies would be the responsibility of the students. Milk can game is Friday, November 1. Sunday Oct 27 would be the best day to have the students decorate. This date might be a conflict for Mr. Simpson, so he would have to confirm a backup person. Alternative idea is to offer a rain date to do it in the spring, when the students know what they are doing after graduation and they could celebrate it in their spot. Kim asked if it would be possible to have a PTSO member staff a table to collect the forms and the payments during lunches. Mr. Simpson said this would be a possibility. Kim will create an application form based on the membership form. Motion made to approve the amount for the students to pay \$25 for the parking space. Motion seconded. Motion approved. All ayes.

Shoparoo – Encourage people to download the app, scan receipts and the PTSO earns money. Jenn Rispoli will send an email to Mr. Simpson about the program requesting usage of the program for the sole benefit of the PTSO. Once approved by Mr. McGeehan, Maren can send out an email to the VHS population.

Amazon Smile – will continue to participate in this program. Please sign into Amazon Smile before you make an amazon purchase and earn the VHS PTSO money back on your purchases.

Annual Staff Appreciation Day – First week in May. Offer a breakfast for the faculty, administration and staff to enjoy. Try to encourage more teacher appreciation in future events and meetings. Mr. Simpson will communicate PTSO concerns/ideas to the teachers at their monthly staff meeting.

Graduation Yard Signs – Kim Garison will chair this event again, but since she has a senior she is looking for someone to co-chair this event. Jenn Rispoli will check the membership forms submitted.

Student Scholarship Awards – (2) students are selected by the school. PTSO will write a check to each selected recipient. More to follow regarding amount of awards.

Other Fundraiser Ideas – International night – include all clubs. Music clubs/choirs can sing, or play music. Language clubs could present food from their country. An evening when the clubs could show off what they do or they learn. Mr. Simpson suggested an open house. Laura asked about doing something like this on the evening the 8th grade visits, and having a table for students and parents to be excited about the clubs for the following year. Mr. Simpson said that is what the 8th grade night is intended for, however not all clubs participate in that evening – decision is advisor based.

Talent Show – or Comedy Night – have a local celebrity to emcee it to create the local buzz. Mr. Voorhees is a talent show that happens and need to keep it separate from that. Comedy Night Fundraiser – family event, work in conjunction with local restaurant to either have them donate food to us, or offer a discount on their meal with the flyer.

Calendar – make a PTSO calendar with photos and events of the groups. Maren cautioned Kim about this at Back to School night, because dates change, even up to the moment.... But it might be a nice idea.... We could raise the membership fee to \$25 and a calendar would be included with membership.

Zumba Class – a parent offered to teach a Zumba class to parents and/or students, and then would give us a portion of her proceeds from the evening.

Local Women’s Clubs – Glen Gardner, Tewksbury, Hampton, Clinton – could/should be approached to ask for donations to support the PTSO.

Bring more ideas to October meeting. Thank you for coming and for your support this year!

Meeting adjourned by Kim Parker at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Rispoli, Treasurer