

**March 9, 2017**  
**De Pere High School**  
**Parent Club Minutes**

**Attendance and Introductions:**

Board Members present: Traci LaCrosse-President, Julie Kowalkowski-Secretary

Committee members and parents present: Tina Henslee, Lori Cuene

**Minutes:**

Lori Cuene made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2016 meeting. Julie Kowalkowski seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

**Staff Appreciations:**

Julie Kowalkowski reported that there is one more event taking place on May 10, 2017. This will be the annual lunch for staff. Lunch will be ordered and picked up from Margarita's Restaurant. A Sign Up Genius will be sent for volunteers and other donations needed sometime in late April.

A chairperson or team of two co-chairs will be needed for next school year. This entails organizing and staffing events. Detailed notes will be shared for ease of transition. Anyone interested can contact [j.kowalkowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.kowalkowski@sbcglobal.net)

**Coat Checks:**

Traci LaCrosse stated that coat check events have gone well. Next year a few more volunteers will be added to each event as some cancellations occur closer to events. One of the teachers who work the dances asked if parent club would be willing to donate cookies and water for dances. Traci will be working with the advisor to get more details of amounts needed etc. A discussion was held that this could be an item to ask parents to donate through a Sign Up Genius or money could be budgeted in the future.

A chairperson is needed to continue the Coat Check events next year. Please contact [5lacrosses@sbcglobal.net](mailto:5lacrosses@sbcglobal.net)

### **Holly Craft Fair:**

A report submitted by Linda Tebon stated that the event was a huge success again. Multiple compliments were given. Approximately 4300 people came through the doors for a deposit of \$13,067.21. The increase to \$3 entry fee was the reason for such a big increase from last year's door sales deposit of \$8912.20

Parent Club purchased 40 new signs with brackets, but only 24 were returned. There are still old signs to use for next year as well so it was not suggested to purchase more. Some brackets will need to be replaced, but these are inexpensive. Banners are in good shape.

Advertising remains a large expense of nearly \$4000, but it is felt that this is a necessary expense. Free advertising avenues are always used along with paid ads.

Traci LaCrosse reported that Linda and Dean Tebon will continue to chair the event along with the Stangels for 2017. Planning has already begun for the next Faire.

The committee is always looking for people willing to help with the yearly event. If you are interested, please contact Traci at [5lacrosses@sbcglobal.net](mailto:5lacrosses@sbcglobal.net)

### **Post Prom:**

Judie Purdie Elliott submitted a report. Planning is well underway for the April 22, 2017 event. Entertainment contracts are signed and deposits have been made. A food Sign Up Genius will be sent to Junior parents later this week. Donations and volunteers so far are lagging a bit over last year's event, but another follow up plea will be sent. A meeting with school administration and custodial staff went well and everything should be set for the day and night of the event. Judie will continue to chair the event in 2018.

If you would like to help with the event or donate, please email [jpurdieelliott@gmail.com](mailto:jpurdieelliott@gmail.com)

### **Grad Bash:**

Traci LaCrosse reported that planning is going well for the June 5, 2017 event. This year the administration wanted the event to end a 3:00 am instead of 4:00 am so adjustments to contracts were made. More volunteers are needed for the event. A letter to senior parents will go out after Prom. Letters seeking donations from businesses will go out in April.

No one stepped up to chair next year's event so Julie Kowalkowski agreed to do it again. Tina Henslee volunteered to assist. If anyone is interested in helping with this fun event this year or in the future, please contact [j.kowalkowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.kowalkowski@sbcglobal.net)

### **Red Bird Rally:**

Stacie Dressen will chair next year's event. She will follow up with administration to discuss the format. Administrators want to cancel the dance associated with Red Bird Rally and instead do fireworks. Parent Club decided against donating money for fireworks. Information on the future of the event will be forthcoming after discussions.

### **Commencement Ceremony:**

Since graduation will be held at UWGB this school year, the ceremony will not take place as it is difficult to implement at a venue outside of the high school. Money will still be budgeted for next year in case the ceremony returns to the high school.

### **Screenager Idea:**

Lori Cuene presented information about a program she would like to be shown at the high school. This popular documentary explores the impact of screen technology on kids and offers parents proven solutions to issues surrounding students' use of technology.

Lori agreed to talk to administration to see if they would agree to host the program. Parent Club members thought the program sounded great and will consider funding the program if it gets approval from administration.

### **Website:**

Parent Club can save money on Website management, but needs a volunteer to take on this roll. We will continue to pay a website manager until a volunteer is found. Please contact [5lacrosses@sbcglobal.net](mailto:5lacrosses@sbcglobal.net) if interested.

### **Diamonds and Denim:**

Parent Club will make a donation again to the event.

### **Positions To Fill:**

Traci LaCrosse reported that she thought it was beneficial to present information about Parent Club at the January event for incoming Freshmen and their parents. Hopefully people will volunteer to help continue the events hosted by Parent Club.

A discussion was held brainstorming ideas of how to get more volunteers. A letter to all high school parents will be drafted and hopefully sent through De Pere Messenger. Lori Cuene suggested possibly developing a magnet with all events and dates listed to be given to parents of incoming Freshmen. She also thought utilizing a liason at a middle school PTO meeting might be helpful to help transition parents to the high school. These activities will be considered in the future.

Financial Report:

No updated information was submitted at the time of the meeting.

Traci LaCrosse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tina Henslee seconded. Motion unanimously approved.