



Thursday, May 17th, 2018
Meeting Minutes

WELCOME & MINUTES

Nicolet PTSO Co-President Traci Schwartz called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. Traci introduced herself and there was discussion about the past two months' meeting minutes. Brenda Stelzer made a motion to approve the April, 2018 minutes. David Coyle seconded and those minutes were officially approved. Janice Pfaffl made a motion to approve the March, 2018 minutes and Brenda Stelzer seconded. All were in favor and so the March, 2018 meeting minutes were approved, as well.

ATTENDANCE

Holly Cannistra (Student Council Rep), Nina Capati, David Coyle (Associate Principal), Marilyn Franklin, Julie Karnes, Bridget Killberg, Gina Lima, Nancy McLaughlin, Janice Pfaffl, Traci Schwartz, Sharon Shapiro, Brenda Stelzer, Jill Tobin, and Sarah Damonte Vegas

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Report: Brenda Stelzer

- The PTSO account balance has about \$12,000.
- The upcoming Sen18r Service Day and Sen18r Breakfast are our financial commitments for the end of the year and the Grad Grams is our last fundraiser.
- We should look at the Budget for next year's Homecoming and Prom funds. We have offered to give the Student Council money for both and neither were used for a couple of years now.

Co-President Report: Kris Barger & Traci Schwartz

- Kris Barger was unable to make the PTSO meeting and emailed a report for Traci Schwartz to share. It is below.
- We received a \$50 donation check for the Teacher Appreciation event as well as a \$25 Venmo deposit that I am not sure what to do with. This may be worthy of further discussion. Should we consider the option to pay/donate using Venmo as an option? Again, I have not had a chance to research how to move the money from Venmo to PTSO. Your insights/guidance would be appreciated.
- Update regarding the Teacher Appreciation: Sign up genius worked like a dream. We have an amazingly generous school community. Bill has updated sign up genius it to make the necessary adjustments for next year. If we decide to stick with breakfast, I am certain that we have a handful of dad's ready to jump back in.
- The expenses came in under budget at \$190.22 which doesn't include the \$75 cash donations. I have a large white square platter to deliver to its rightful owner. I will place it in the PTSO closet next time I am at school. Traci, I also have your lovely basket. The event was well received. We received a very nice thank you from one of the teachers via email but unfortunately I haven't been able to get my hands on it tonight.
- I had forwarded to the board members a link to a presenter by the name of Tasha Schuh. I am not sure it is within our focus as PTSO but I do think it is worth getting in the hands of the right group at Nicolet. Did anyone see it? Any comments? Dr. Kabara suggested we connect with RedGen.



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Vice President Report: Janice Pfaffl

- No report
- Janice and Traci did the staff appreciation drawing at the end of the meeting. The staff winners were Brian Weisse and Nicolet Nelson. Each received a \$10 gift card from the PTSO. Mr. Coyle will give the winners their gift cards at school. Thank you!

NICOLET REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Staff/Teacher Liaison: None

- Again, the PTSO was without a teacher liaison. We would like to ask Mr. Coyle to help us attain a staff representative for the next school year.

Guidance Counselors: None

- No Report

Foundation: Sharon Shapiro & Traci Schwartz

- This year's Foundation fundraising event, *Knight on the Town*, was held on Saturday night, April 21, 2018 at the Four Points Sheraton in Brown Deer. The theme was Art. They raised about \$30,000. Thank to all who came and supported.

Administration/School Board Report: Associate Principal, Mr. David Coyle

- Nicolet FEAR - They ranked 8th in the World Championships. 70 students participate. There are lots of community members, teachers, and funders who are involved. All are very proud of their accomplishment.
- ATHLETICS – Spring sports are finally in full force due to the unfortunate weather. The Journal Sentinel High School Sports Awards came out and Nicolet student, Jaden Aranda won the athlete of the year! Girls softball is having an incredible season. They are 15 and 5. Individuals in Boys Track and Field are quite successful. The Girls Track and Field team is doing very well. Golf is going well, too.
- FINE ARTS – Congratulations to everyone involved in Nicolet Theater's Musical, *The Addams Family*, as they won the Jerry Award for Outstanding Musical! Also, Avery Mitchell and Ben Kramer won Outstanding Leading Performance and Gabe Smith won outstanding Supporting Performance. They are qualified to perform in Madison, WI on June 10th. The Children's Play, *Charlotte's Web*, was a huge success. The One Acts are this weekend. All the Band, Choir, and Orchestra end of the year concerts are taking place.
- AP TESTING is finally complete. It was a stressful time for students and a relief that it is over. Julie Karnes suggested that they reconsider scheduling concerts during AP TESTING weeks in future years. They used to have plays during that time and it was switched. Mr. Coyle said that he would work on that for next year.
- END OF THE YEAR is a crazy time but they are wrapping a lot up. Students and staff are looking forward to summer. Ferne Hecker is working on all the details for GRADUATION. It will be spectacular like it is every year. The parking and construction situation has been ok. They have worked hard to make school entrance and exit times easy and it has been successful. The Tunnel is still open. The fall will be trickier. Please email Mr. Coyle (david.coyle@nicolet.us) with any questions or concerns anytime, even over the summer regarding the situation with the construction. He is the acting liaison.



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- The PTSO is going to still give the \$1,200 gift to purchase picnic tables and sails for shade in the courtyard. The maintenance wanted to have us consider buying umbrellas instead. However, we are choosing to move forward with our original plan. Because of the bad spring weather, it has not occurred yet. So, Mr. Coyle is going to purchase the tables and sails and take care of it for us. Thank you!

Student Council: Student – Holly Cannistra

- There has been a fundraiser of selling Nicolet Pop Sockets.
- Next Year's Homecoming Dance is scheduled for Saturday night October 13th. The PTSO members suggested that we know when the meetings are for Homecoming so that we can help. We typically learn about everything way too late in the year. Holly said there is a meeting set for Thursday May 24th at 3:00pm and we were welcome to attend. Mr. Coyle will get the PTSO onto the Student Council's agenda for that meeting. Jill Tobin, Mr. Coyle, and Traci Schwartz volunteered to try to make that meeting.
- Relay for life was cancelled and it is a disappointment. There was discussion of the continual cancelations of social events for students and there is a lot of concern by the parents.

PTSO CHAIR REPORTS

- **Merit Awards** – *Jill Tobin & Nancy McLaughlin, Co-Chairs*. 234 students earned a Merit Award medal or plaque this year. Only 77 students showed up for the ceremony. So, there was discussion of some ideas for changing it up. Some ideas included having the senior awards at Sen18r Breakfast and the underclassmen at an assembly that same day when they are getting their yearbooks but then parents couldn't attend. It definitely needs revisiting. Next year, the chairs will be Jill Tobin and Anne O'Donahue. We decided that students can use their volunteer hours from the summer, partner/feeder school volunteer hours, and Nicolet Rec hours will all now apply to the merit awards! **Thank for your hard work Jill and Nancy!**
- **Cookies & Cram** – *Bridget Killberg, Chair*. The final exam study session will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 10am-12pm. Bridget has set up a Sign Up Genius for volunteering. Please say you'll help! <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0544aca928a13-cookies>. She is going to use some of the left over Cocoa & Cram gift cards to pay for some of the items. **Thanx Bridget!**
- **Teacher Appreciation** – *Bill Barger, Chair*. The PTSO provided a huge breakfast buffet for the staff/teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you Nicolet teachers & staff. The PTSO hosted a great morning breakfast. It was a small token of our appreciation for their commitment to our students and our community. The PTSO wishes to also thank our volunteer dads including Bill Barger, Chris Soyke, Bruce Dean, Jasun Macek, and Jeff Killberg along with all the families that donated time and treats! **Thanx Bill!**
- **Spirit Award** – *Marilyn Franklin, Chair*. The Nicolet Staff nominates students that show positive spirit. Marilyn worked with Principal Greg Kabara to survey the teachers twice. They decided on three awardees and will give out the plaques at Senior Award Night. The spirit award winners get their name up in the Commons. **Thank you Marilyn!**
- **Sen18r Breakfast** – *Julie Karnes & Jill Tobin, Co-Chairs*. This celebratory catered breakfast is a great send off for Nicolet's Senior Class at the end of the year. Set up will take place the night before on May 31st. There are plenty of volunteers. So, the day of, there won't be any help needed. There was question as to who would be creating the bowl of names for the raffle prizes that are given out. Mr. Coyle was going to look into that. Invitations went out. There will be no rsvp. There will be a slide show of



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looping pictures of the seniors during the breakfast. They are working on a snapchat filter for the event. The senior gift is a keychain and a pen. **Thanx Julie and Jill!**

- **Grad Grams –Nina Capati, Chair.** Congratulatory messages are purchased and sent by anyone to a graduating senior and/or retiring staff member. These messages are bound together into a keepsake memory booklet given out at graduation rehearsal. Grad Grams are available for purchase in the high school office or online http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/grad_grams_2018.pdf. Grad Grams are due Friday, May 25, 2018. **Thanx Nina!**

OTHER BUSINESS

- **The PTSO is looking for someone to be the Secretary for next year. If interested, please let us know via email at nicoletptso@gmail.com.**
- The Nicolet PTSO benefits the parents, teachers, and students by raising funds via PTSO membership dues (still only \$15), Grad Gram sales, and other fundraisers. The PTSO sponsors events including Homecoming Activities, Student Dances, Cocoa/Cookies & Cram Study Sessions, Merit Awards, Spirit Award, Teacher Appreciation, School Gifts, Senior Breakfast, and more. http://www.nicolet.us/cms_files/resources/ptso_membership_form.pdf
- Visit the PTSO webpage: <http://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm>
- Visit the PTSO Facebook page and “like” it: <https://www.facebook.com/NicoletPTSO/>
- **Have a great summer!**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Shapiro, Nicolet PTSO Secretary