

PTSO
May 14th, 2015

Attendance: Piper Melkonian, Leah Weyers, Kathy Eurich, Marilyn Franklin, Jill Tobin, Mary Beth Mills, Jill Johnson Miller, Margaret Cooper, Greg Kabara

The Nicolet PTSO President , Mary Beth Mills, called the meeting to order at 6:05. Introductions were made. A motion was made to approve the April PTSO minutes by Piper Melkonian. Jill Tobin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

PTSO President's Report: Mary Beth Mills

- Mary Beth had no new information to report, but would add throughout the meeting.

Treasurer Report: Jill Johnson Miller

- Jill reported that (2) donations for a total of \$210 were made towards grad grams. Income of \$994 in grad grams so far. The \$500 set aside for the photo booth at prom was not used. Piper Melkonian suggested that it remains in the account for future use.

Chair Reports:

- **Merit Awards**-Jill Tobin reported that the merit award invitations have been mailed, and a reminder email was sent to the students receiving the awards, as well as the parents of those students. Lori Reinhart is completing the program for the event. An invite to Nicolet Staff will go out via email on Monday, May 18th. The medals are being picked up on Friday, May 15th. The Merit Award Ceremony will be held in the Nicolet cafeteria on Thursday, May 21st at 2:40. Mr. Kabara has requested the setup of the room for the event. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Cookies and Cram**-Mary Beth reported for Kristen Wright(chairperson), that she has volunteers signed up for the event. The space has been reserved. Currently 12 teachers have signed up to attend and assist students with their studying. The event will take place at Nicolet cafeteria on Saturday, June 6th from 10-12. PTSO is looking for a new chairperson for this committee.
- **PTSO sponsored Prom Activities**-Greg Kabara said Prom had lower attendance. Students attending were well behaved. The events at prom were very successful...casino, henna, caricatures, dancing, photo booth. The PTSO donated door prizes. Thank you to Molly Schneider for shopping for them. Many students stayed until the 11pm closing time. Suggestions were made to add a post prom party to the evening.

- **Spirit Awards**-98 students were nominated for the spirit award by staff. The final vote yielded the top 4 who will receive the award on Wednesday, May 27th at the Senior Awards Ceremony.
- **Senior Breakfast**-The breakfast will be held on June 5th. Seniors will arrive around 9:30 for yearbook signing and then enjoy a breakfast sponsored by the PTSO. Following the breakfast the seniors will practice for graduation. Set up for the breakfast will be on Thursday, June 4th at 5pm. Volunteers are needed to help with set up.
- **Grad Grams**-Kathy Eurich and Robin Arenzon are co-chairing Grad Grams. The deadline for Grad Grams will be extended, but a final date has not yet been decided. Anyone can purchase the Grad Grams. Assembly of Grad Grams is May 28th. Many volunteers are needed to help with the assembly.

Student Council-Greg Kabara informed us of the donations from the student council. Microwaves as well as an improved PA system in the cafeteria have been donated by student council. They did not need/use the \$500 given to them for the photo booth at prom so that will stay in the PTSO funds at this point. Relay for Life is coming up on May 29-30. This will be its third year at Nicolet. A teacher team has been formed, as well as, student teams.

Guidance-Greg Kabara reported for guidance that schedules are being completed. Counselors have met with all incoming students with special needs to make sure that their 504/IEPs are being met with their schedules for next year. ASPIRE testing went well, with a few glitches with the chromebooks. Issues were quickly fixed and testing continued.

Teacher Report-Leah Weyers, French teacher

- French foreign language trip applications were due 5/15/2015. 12-16 students have applied to participate in 2016's trip abroad. The trip will take place for two weeks over spring break in 2016. Cost for the trip has been reduced by \$1500.
- 8 students advanced to the French state pronunciation contest to be held at Arrowhead on Saturday, May 16th.
- Last French club meeting will be held the week of the 18th
- Nicolet's German students won at the German Day at UW
- Staff enjoyed the teacher appreciation buffet organized by chairperson Jen Gilbert and helped by Jackie Winter. The healthy choices were appreciated. Thanks to all who donated.

Administration Report-Principal Greg Kabara

- Educator Effectiveness Program was discussed. It will continue to be used next year. It includes observation and 3 year accountability. It improves student learning and teacher practices.
- Staff changes-in the process of filling positions, summer school positions have been filled.
- Advisory Team meeting to make changes to adviser. Deciding how often to meet and for what purpose. Considering offering an ACT prep during resource period.

School Board/Foundation Report-Marilyn Franklin

- School Board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 18th.
- Foundation is discussing ideas for future fundraisers

New Business

- Election of Officers
- Mary Beth nominated Piper Melkonian for President of PTSO, Jill Johnson Miller seconded it and all were in favor.
- Jill Johnson Miller nominated Brenda Stelzer for Treasurer, Greg Kabara seconded it and all were in favor.
- Piper Melkonian nominated Janice Pfaffl for Vice President, Greg Kabara seconded it and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Submitted by: Jill Tobin