

**Westlake High School  
Parent & Teacher Organization  
December 7, 2009  
Minutes**

<http://westlakepto.pbworks.com>

**Vaughn and Jeri Brock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.**

**PTO Executive Team**

Co-Presidents	Vaughn and Jeri Brock
President Elect	Joe and Grace Mansour
Secretary	Wendy Nicoson Folch
Treasurer	David Jamail
Concessions	Carolyn Hansard
Concessions Treasurer	Bart Couch

Pam Horn motioned to approve the November 2009 minutes, it was seconded by Wendy Nicoson. The motion passed.

**Principal's Report** – Linda Rawlings

Robotics took 8<sup>th</sup> place in their latest competition. We are in game 15 for Varsity football and look to this Saturday for another exciting game. Finals are next week for our students. A class rank discussion will be held this Thursday on December 10. A recommendation will be presented to the board on class rank in February 2010. The Board will vote on December 16 on graduation requirements. Film 3 class was approved today, December 7, 2009.

**Treasurer's report** – Buddy Dunn for David Jamail

Buddy reviewed the PTO budget vs. actual year-to-date. (See last pg.)

**Concessions Report** – Carolyn Hansard or Bart Couch

Concessions will be issuing guidelines, in conjunction with EISD, that clarify the process to get approval for events outside of normal school hours that wish to serve food.

**Organization Reports are as follows:**

**Band** – Joyce Witowski

Band hosted the Region Auditions on Saturday, December 5th. Westlake had 58 students make the region band with 28 advancing to area auditions and 10 first place chairs. THE REGION BAND CLINIC WILL BE HELD ON January 15/16, AREA AUDITIONS ARE ON January 9TH. IF A STUDENT IS PLACED IN THE TOP OF THEIR SECTION AT THAT CONTEST, THEY EARN A SPOT IN THE PRESTIGIOUS ALL-STATE BAND, which is held in conjunction with the TMEA Conference in San Antonio in early February.

- 43 Band students tried out during the Region Orchestra Auditions in early November; 13 Students were selected for participation. The concerts for middle and high school were held on November 21 in the PAC.

- The Nutcracker spectacular, with music provided by the band and orchestra, is being held on Thursday December 10th and Saturday December 12th. Don't miss this "spectacular" performance by many Westlake students!

**Chap Club** – Karlene Guilbeau  
No report submitted.

**Chaps in Service** – Susie Bruce  
Nothing to report.

**Cheerleaders** – Nancy Behnke  
Nancy reported at the meeting that the Cheerleader team will be going in a new direction in the future. Competition squads will be created based upon ability. This will take a high level of commitment from cheerleaders.

**Choir** – Lisa Craven  
Mark your Calendars for the fairy-tale performance that is sure to warm everyone's heart with its message compassion and love. The Westlake Choir and Technical Theatre programs present "Beauty and the Beast", February 19 and 20, 2010 at the newly renovated Westlake Community Performing Arts Center. You can expect fun musical numbers, charming sets, technical wizardry, lavish costumes and outstanding performances. Tickets go on sale February 8<sup>th</sup>. Shows are sure to sell out so watch for ticket information at [www.whschaps.com](http://www.whschaps.com) You don't want to miss this year's Musical!



Important Upcoming Choir Fundraiser  
Applebee's Pancake Breakfast

January 16, 2009  
Tickets are \$6 each  
Available from your local Choir Student  
Come out and support the Choir program at this great Community Event  
For more information, contact Chris or Leigh Germann at [leigh5@austin.rr.com](mailto:leigh5@austin.rr.com)

Congratulations to the following Westlake High School Choir students who advanced to the TMEA Pre-Area Competition:  
Soprano 1: Erin Brown and Ellen Prendergast  
Soprano 2: Elizabeth Harwood and Leslie Rice  
Alto 1: Elizabeth Abell, Rachel Altounian, Mary Morris and Shivani Morrison  
Tenor 1: Kenny Call  
Tenor 2: Joshua Beltran and Dan Killibrew  
Bass 1: Matt Brailas and Harrison Stinnett  
Bass 2: Chad Bohls and Joseph Lubars

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AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND, PLEASE CONTACT THE WESTLAKE CHOIR DIRECTORS FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT!

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**Eanes CARES (Community Action Rewards Every Student)** – Leslie Smith  
No report submitted.

**Eanes Education Foundation** – Wally Moore  
No report submitted.

**Featherduster** – Tracey Sorenson

Tracey reported that the students are preparing the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Featherduster. This will be a very special publication you will not want to miss. It will be available on December 8, 2009.

### **Hyline and Star Steppers** – Steve Cronin

#### Spotlight

On November 17th, Hyline, Star Steppers, and the entire dance program put on their annual fall program, Spotlight. This free and open program at the Performing Arts Center was packed!

#### Playoff Games

As the WHS Football team continues to move forward in the state playoffs, Hyline has continued to perform at each halftime. Since the calendar has progressed to December, in the Hyline tradition, the team will be performing 'Sleigh Ride' at the game on Sat 12/5.

#### Auditions

On Thur 12/3 there will be auditions for the next years Hyline and Star Steppers. There are 81 people signed up to audition.

#### Spring Contest Season

The team is working diligently on preparing for the spring contest season where Hyline represents Westlake High School at a variety of contests throughout central Texas.

#### Chelsee Capezzuti

Chelsee, the Director of Hyline and the WHS Dance Dept., was diagnosed with a very serious medical condition that required a complex and risky surgery to be performed as soon as possible. She has undergone the procedure and the initial outcome and all signs are positive. She has returned to the Austin area. Our prayers and best wishes remain.

### **Lacrosse Girls and Boys** – Pam Reichhold and Debbie Johnson

Pam reported at the meeting that the boy's lacrosse team will be holding a fundraiser on Monday which will be training for younger children.

### **Orchestra** – Doug Kent

No report submitted.

### **Rugby Club** – Jamie McNally

No report submitted.

### **Student Council** – Wendy Nicoson Folch

Wendy will find out when student council elections will be held.

### **Speech, Drama, Debate** - Cecile Hanna

1. Theatre just finished the shows of Midsummer Night's Dream. It ran November 5-7 and was a large student cast and tech support group.

Also, on November 23 & 24, Theatre students performed Theatre for Youth, Once Upon a Time.

2. Coming up next week is the Holiday Classic Speech and Debate Tournament (Dec. 11 & 12) hosted by WHS.

Schools from all over the State attend our tournament. The Speech and Debate teams are currently actively seeking donations of food and monetary support for this function. They are also in need of volunteer judges for the speech and debate events.

Both volunteer judges and hospitality donations should contact Michael Harlan at [mharlan@eanesisd.net](mailto:mharlan@eanesisd.net) (512)732-9000 x33840.

For judging a Debate or Extemporaneous Speaking event, contact Terry Hunt at [thunt@eanesisd.net](mailto:thunt@eanesisd.net) (512)732-9000 x33841.

A Judging Clinic will be held on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. at WHS - Room 9.411.

3. Auditions have begun for the UIL One Act Play - Spring Contest Play. Students are currently in Call Backs.

4. Speech and Debate students also compete at Forensics tournaments around the area weekly. In November, students attended tournaments at Austin High School, Hays High School, and Round Rock High School.

In December, Speech and Debate students compete at the University of Texas tournament. They also are instrumental in the success of WHS Holiday Classic Speech and Debate Tournament by doing much of the work necessary to implement this huge tournament.

### **TEC (Technical Entertainment Crew) Theatre – Meg Favaron**

No report submitted.

### **Committee Reports are as follows:**

#### **Allocations – Pamela R. Horn**

As previously reported, in October the PTO Executive Committee approved total allocations of \$13,234.68. Letters were sent to the faculty informing them of the allocation grants to fund their requests. The PTO Executive Committee additionally approved \$522.20 to purchase a boom box for choir. Total approved requests for the Fall 2009 semester stand at \$13,756.88.

The faculty and staff are very appreciative of the support provided by the PTO. Some of the comments we received include:

*I wanted to thank you all again for allowing me to get a classroom library started. It will be wonderful for my student's development in language! [Mari Albright, Spanish]*

*I am so excited. Thank you and your team for all that you did to make this happen. Yeah!!! [Ed Snouffer, Choir]*

*Thank you so much. We have many items we were unable to replace because we started over with our glazes. [Dawn Delgado, Art]*

*You are a miracle worker. This will help us get the set up we need for both Career days. Karen jumped out of her chair!!! Please let the PTO know we are so grateful!!! [Jeff Pilchick, Counseling]*

Please do not hesitate to contact me at [pam.horn@amd.com](mailto:pam.horn@amd.com), or 512.470.9346, if you have any questions or concerns about the Allocations Committee.

**Chap Connections** – Carrie Brown

The 4<sup>th</sup> issue of Chap Connections has gone to the printer for production. It will be in mailboxes by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

The 5<sup>th</sup> issue of Chap Connections will begin production in mid January.

PROPOSAL FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011: Consideration of newsletter distribution to be sent ELECTRONICALLY. More discussion needs to be done before any type of an implementation is made. It would however be more cost, labor, and time effective to distribute the newsletter in this manner.

**CCC (Cool Campus Committee)** - Jeanette Scott

No report submitted.

**Directory** – Ellen Maynard and Ann Slack

The directories were delivered in early November to students, parents & advertisers. We have a few directories for sale in the WHS office.

The PTO is looking for some good folks to take over the directory committee for next year.

**Homecoming Mums** – Betsy Kirksey

Nothing to report.

**Membership** – Kimberly Bushn

Nothing to report.

**Stadium Pavers** – Beth Carter  
No report submitted.

**Project Graduation** – Deb Davis Groves, Patti Brennan, Karlene Guilbeau and Deanne Hume

The Project Graduation 2010 Committee is working hard to raise funds for the graduation celebration set for Thursday, June 3, 2010. Raffle tickets are available for \$20 each. These raffles are applied to one of three incredible prizes -- a \$5,000 visa gift card, a \$3,000 visa gift card or a \$2,000 visa gift card. The winner's names will be drawn at the EEF Gala in February. Please make sure you purchase your raffle tickets from one of the PG 10 Co-Chairs. Anyone can participate in this raffle opportunity. You do not need to be a senior parent.

Portrait vouchers for senior portraits or family portraits are available with 3 local photographers -- Gray Hawn, Becky Kittleman and Innovative Photography. These wonderful photographers will be donating back \$200 of every \$250 sitting fee to Project Graduation for every Westlake family that uses their services during this time. Just mention Project Graduation 2010. We also have business partners with Barton Springs Nursery, Smoothie King, Sports Clips, Trianon, Randall's and Men's Warehouse at Barton Creek. We encourage everyone to patronize these businesses as they are all donating to our great cause. We continue to seek out additional business partners and sponsors for PG 10.

We also want to thank the PTO for their very generous donations as well as to all of the many wonderful booster clubs within our high school and Eanes School District. We are extremely grateful for your very generous support of this very special and important event celebrating our graduating seniors.

The Project Graduation 2011 Co-Chairs have been chosen for next year. These women include: Kaye Kelley, Tami Johnston, Cheryl Jessee, and Sara Gieb. They are already shadowing our PG 10 Co-Chairs as well as shadowing our meetings. We are excited to have them on board early so they can learn the ropes.

Finally, we have updated the PG 10 website. All parent packet forms, student contracts and business donor forms are available to download from this website. We plan to send out a parent newsletter in January in the Balfour packet as well as another newsletter after spring break to keep the Senior Parents informed of all the PG 10 goings on. We are just 6 months away from Graduation!!!!

**Safe Homes** – Angela D'Andrea

[Safe Homes Co-Sponsors Second Annual WHS Short Film Festival](#)

Eanes Safe Homes, along with Shayna Feldman, Project Director for GRAA (Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse) is co-sponsoring the second annual WHS Short Film Festival in April, 2010.

The WHS Film Festival will be held during several daytime assemblies (in conjunction with the WHS students' TAKS schedules) and will include all grades who wish to participate. The winner will be announced at evening event in the Westlake Community Performing Art Center on date TBD.

The films will be 3-5 min in length and will have an Anti-drug/alcohol type storyline. Shayna Feldman, GRAA Grant Director, is currently in the planning stages of the film festival. Students will view films in between TAKS testing time periods and will vote on their "favorite" film (on paper). Students will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire after films are shown. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st place- \$1000, 2nd place- \$500, 3rd place- \$250.

The Safe Homes Success Story is driven by caring parents.  
Be a Safe Homes parent volunteer. We need you.  
Want to know more?  
Dee Dee Stone - 329-9240 / DStone2@austin.rr.com  
Kent Redding - 306.1001 / Kent@CallKent.com

**Scholarship** – Cynthia Clanton  
Nothing to report.

**Student Planners** – Susan Demel  
No report submitted.

**Staff Appreciation** – Terri Rush  
We have our 2nd Luncheon of the year this Tuesday the 8th of December. Texas Honey Hams is graciously donating all of the ham to feed 225 teachers and staff. We will also serve Baked potato casserole, fresh rolls and Cranberry salad. Our wonderful parents will be bringing holiday treats for dessert.

We could use more volunteers if anyone is interested please call 512-329-8179 (cell) or email me TerRush@gmail.com These are the dates of our events:

**December 8th** (Winter holiday theme)  
**February 9th** (Valentine theme)  
**April 13th** (Spring theme)  
**May 4th** treat day (ice cream)

**Football Ticket Sales (Ninth Grade Center)** – Marj Hafermann  
No report submitted.

**President's Report**

## **New and Unfinished Business**

### **Future Meetings**

Thursday's Trianon 7.30AM		7.00PM Principal's Conference Rm
Executive Meetings		PTO meetings:
10.1.09		10.5.09
10.29.09		11.2.09
12.3.09		12.7.09
1.28.10		2.1.10
2.25.10		3.1.10
4.1.10		4.5.10
4.29.10		5.3.10

**Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.**

**WHS PTO BUDGET****FY 2009/2010**

as of 12/4/2009

	<b>2009-10 Draft</b>	<b>2009-10 Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Concessions	10,800	10,817	17
Homecoming Mums	15,000	18,916	3,916
Directories	12,000	15,494	3,494
No Hassle	8,000	5,586	(2,414)
Planners	6,000	5,538	(462)
Membership Dues	5,000	4,812	(188)
Stadium Bricks	2,000	2,000	-
Other (auctioned parking spaces)	1,000	1,000	-
Interest Income	60	5	(55)
CCC donations	1,000	770	(230)
Community Partners	300	185	(115)
 Total Revenues	 61,160	 65,123	 3,963
 <b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administrative	3,750	74	(3,676)
Bank Charge	400	67	(333)
CCC expenses	15,000	2,568	(12,432)
Donations to Community	2,000	-	(2,000)
Donations to WHS	15,000	11,590	(3,410)
PTO Bucks	11,000	11,388	388
Insurance	560	560	-
Sales Tax	400	-	(400)
Staff Appreciation	7,000	1,545	(5,455)
Student Scholarships	6,000	5,000	(1,000)
 Total Expenses	 61,110	 32,792	 (28,318)
 Net Income	 50	 32,331	 32,281