**George Mason PTSA - All Night Graduation Committee**

**Minutes of Meeting on November 13, 2018, at 7 pm**

Present: Laurie Clark, Tina Pierce, Kathy Philpott Costa, Stephanie Oppenheimer, Jeanne Duross, Claudia Fiegel, Ashleigh Collins, Lisa Lacroix, Jill Martin, Bonnie Murphy, Terri Nelson, Aristia Villa, Bridget Janicki, Becki Creed

1. **Introduction:** Laurie reported that she met with Ericka Zeballos (FCCPS parents liaison), Linda Saleh (GMHS LIEP teacher) and Ghada Khalaf (GMHS social worker) on 11/8/18 and is going to work with them to encourage more student attendance at the event. This will include translating the registration information with them, letting the students know the code for free admission (being lottery winners). Ericka and Ghada also have evening meetings with parents and will walk them through the registration. Laurie will meet with them again in February**.** Laurie met with Assistant Principal Dave Serensits on 11/12/18. He provided her with a master list of seniors so that she can identify which students we do not have contact information for. This will help the three people above as well as the committee to see if we have personal connections to reach out to them for registration purposes. Mr. Serensits is also amenable to the ANGC’s suggestion that members of the school administration take shifts so someone is present all night.
2. **Treasurer’s Report:** Tina Pierce presented the budget. The Fall Social earned $200 less than the $4000 budgeted revenue; however, expenses for the Social were approximately $286 under budget, so we are almost even.
3. **Committee Reports**
   * **Filled Committee Positions:** Aristia Villa is joining the Committee to help Marybeth Mackinnon with Food Planning. Julie Paradiso will be a Registration Co-Chair.
   * **Fall Social:** The Falls Social at the Duross residence on October 20 went well. Revenue was on target, and it was noted that it was encouraging to see a good number of parents representing freshman, sophomore or junior students at Mason.
   * **Activities:**  Laurie Clark reiterated the activity updates that were discussed during the September meeting. Contracts have been signed for activity deliveries. Jen Short will need a shadow this year so that someone can take over Activity Chair next year.
   * **Security Team Leader Position:** The Security Team Leader position has not been filled, but Laurie has talked with Mr. Serensits about the possibility of Sia Knight, Dean of Students, taking responsibility for the security plan. There was consensus among the ANGC members present that the ANGC could hire Ms. Knight to be the attending team leader on the night of the event.
   * **Event Timeline, other changes to event for 2019:** To eliminate confusion, students will enter and exit the building at the same school entrance, near the security desk and front office. There will not be any exit gifts this year, as they have often gone unused in the past. There was discussion about the various prizes and particularly whether to have a grand prize; a decision is still pending. Discussion also centered on how to make check-in and checkout more efficient. It was suggested that, to avoid a bottleneck at the entry door, students could be separated in four alphabetical groups/lines outside the school. Additionally, after the meeting, Terri Nelson suggested that we do checkout similarly to check-in where we have clipboards with lists of students by the same four alphabetical groupings. This will eliminate any worry about comparing lists to make sure everyone has left.Finally, there was some discussion about the possibility of releasing some students early for state sport tournament travel. Laurie will confer with the school administrators and spring coaches to develop guidelines for students and families on this issue.

***The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.***