

The first meeting for the 2017 – 2018 school year was held on October 13, 2017 at WyoTech in Blairsville. The meeting was coordinated by Robert Burnfield and Sherri Hixson. The Wyotech administrative team began the meeting by providing the WSCA counselors an overview of the school and its programs. The meeting started off with counselors divided into groups and given a tour of the campus.

Business meeting –

Lindsay Schoeneberger began the business meeting by introducing herself as the new WSCA Vice President. Lindsay presided over the meeting in the absence of Lisa Mumau (WSCA President).

Membership Secretary – Jenna St. Mars –

Introduction of new members, retiree committee went through our list of retired members – updated information. Thank you very much. Bereavement cards were sent out to various members.

Vice President – Lindsay Schoeneberger –

December meeting will be at Vallozzi's in Greensburg on December 14th. There are two sponsors for the meeting – all school districts are asked to bring a Chinese auction basket for our Christmas meeting.

Recording Secretary – Beth Butala –

Reading over May minutes – change spelling of Lindsay's last name – Motion was made to accept the minutes and was passed.

Treasurer's Report – Dennis Gates –

WSCA is in good standing – deposits made for the college fair – money was allotted to the conference fund and scholarship fund from the registration fee of the college fair. Great job at college fair.

Tim K. will do the audit with the retirees. Motion was made and approved for the treasurer's report.

New Business

Website information – Jenna St. Mars – do we wish to add features –

1. Search and sort
2. Printable PDF
3. PayPal integration

Discussion – can we see how many people are actually using website?

PSCA scholarships/ conference – Beth Butala

- We should be represented at the conference – do we send officers and members? We are getting close to deadline and may be difficult to get approval from schools – do we just send two people this year?

- Tim K. – maybe we set up a dollar amount prior to the conference which could help decide how many people are going.
- We can see what the interest is from membership – a priority would be given to people who have never attended.
- Lindsay is attending already and has registered – we could reimburse her registration.
- We would only be covering the registration fee.
- Motion – Beth Butala – pay for the registration costs of Lindsay Schoeneberger to attend the 2017 PSCA conference (reimbursement). And for one additional officer. Motion seconded and passed.
- Motion – Kathy Carns – Agree to pay registration for 2 additional active WSCA members. Interested members would need to fill out application and submit by October 30th. Motion seconded and passed.

Act 48 credits – Lindsay Schoeneberger –

- With speakers, we can get credit hours for our meetings. We have been battling for years to get our credit hours inputted into the system. Kathy had problems for years about the hours as well – has reached out to many people to get these recorded with no luck.
- There have been no updates since October 2016.
- Lindsay has also called, emailed, and forwarded information to all levels of PSCA.
- Executive board has decided to do a certificate for hours and give to home school district.
- Motion – Switch from Act 48 hours submitted by WSCA to PSCA to a certificate given by WSCA to give to counselor’s home school district. Motion seconded with no discussion. Motion passed.

Thank you card from Jason B – MP – for his scholarship.

College Fair Update – Beth Butala – Another success. Thank you to all the counselors who assisted in putting the even together and to those who showed up the night of to assist.

Facebook page – Lindsay –

- Thoughts on starting up a FB page for counselors
- May be able to get information needed quicker than using the website. Or could this be linked to the website
- Who would run it? Closed group? What about linked-in?
- Leads to further discussion on website usage and making more user friendly. How much traffic are we getting? Discussion boards?
- What about a social media policy? Need to check our constitution.

Career Guides – are available from the WIB – you can get from Janet Ward. Majority of high schools have received copies.

Blackburn Session - Human Trafficking

- Abigail Scanga and Mae Palacios are presenters
- Human trafficking vs. labor trafficking vs. sexual trafficking
- Abuse vs trafficking – trafficking is usually an exchange of goods
- There is legislation but it is normally under reported.
- Red flags --- truancy, change in activities/ involvement, parent drug use, tattoos, expensive gifts, change in friendships,
- Traffickers will look for the vulnerable students

They can provide information to school districts for inservice. You can also call for more information about specific instances.