

Secretary's Report for the Winter, 2009 WSCA Meeting

The winter meeting of the Westmoreland School Counselor's Association was held on Friday, December 4, 2009 at Denunzio's Chophouse in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. It was hosted by Vince Graterri of Pittsburgh Technical Institute. The presenter's for the meeting include: Dr Dennis Clawson whose program was entitled "Implementing the ASCA model in a School Guidance Program". His presentation included personnel from a variety of school districts that have utilized his services successfully. Vince Graterri from PTI, discussed a program entitled "Developing Career Success through Discovery Focused, Hands-on Learning." John Dittmar of Dittmar Counseling Services, presented on "Drive-By Mentoring."

The meeting was brought to order by Amy Salay, former president of WSCA, at 9:00 AM. She welcomed everyone including the most recent retirees, Carol Camuso and Bernie Withrow. Amy asked for volunteers for the nominating committee in preparation for a slate of officers to include a new vice-president for the spring meeting. The secretary and treasurer's report were accepted. Danielle McCann, corresponding secretary, announced that thank you notes were sent to the sponsors and presenters that attended the Western Regional Conference and a card is to be sent to Sara congratulating her on the birth of her son.

Clint Page reported on the success of the Western Regional conference held on October 6, 2009. A motion was made and accepted for WSCA to sponsor the conference in 2011. Clint encouraged the membership to take an active role in the planning for the 2011 conference by joining the committee.

Roger Downs reported on the scholarship committee. The amount of scholarship has been increased to \$750 to be awarded to 3 seniors whose parents are members of WSCA. The application is on-line and is due by April 1, 2010. Bonnie Kline presented a report as Uniserve rep that was distributed in written form to the membership.

The charities to receive a donation from WSCA are: Habitat for Humanity, The Blackburn Center, and the Westmoreland county Food bank, the Welcome Shelter, the Homeless initiative and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Kathy Sclesky announced plans for the Spring Meeting. This will be held on March 26, 2010 At the Education / Technical Institute in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. The program will include presentations from the Private Industry Council and the Intermediate Unit.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.