

Mount Lebanon City Council of PTA's
Council Meeting Minutes
Howe Elementary School
October 3, 2018- 9am

Katie Caste, Council President, called the meeting to order at 9:02am. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance.

September 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rich Messimer updated us on current financials. We paid \$200 for Council's portion of the Dr. Willard speaking presentations. There were no new deposits. The current council book balance is \$ 4,931.52 and the current Georgia Pogue balance is \$16,761.29.

Rich requested that all unit PTA's return audit binders to him as soon as possible. He currently has half of the books.

Executive Board Reports

Council PTA President Katie Caste:

Katie thanked Howe's PTA President, Wendy Liberty and Dr. Michelle Murray, Howe's Principal for hosting today's meeting.

The next Council PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 9am, at Jefferson Elementary School. The Mount Lebanon Police Department and Officer Lauth will be making a presentation on current trends with regard to drugs and illegal substances so that parents know what to "look for."

Mount Lebanon School District Superintendent Dr. Tim Steinhauer:

Dr. Steinhauer discussed and shared the following:

- The recipients of the 2018 Great Alumni Award are: Dale Cable Class of 1975; David Conover Class of 1975; Noelle Calabro Conover Class of 1978; Dr. John S. Haller, Jr. Class of 1958; Mrs. Shirley Hanson Class of 1954.
- On October 10th Dr. Mary Margaret Kerr, an expert on Student Mental Health and Wellbeing, will present to all school personnel from custodial staff to administrators on the Mental Health and Wellbeing of our student body. Identification of kids in need, warning signs and crisis intervention will be the focus of the presentations.
- All Mount Lebanon School district buildings have received the Anti-Defamation Leagues' "No Place for Hate" designation. Individual buildings will provide activities that meet the ADL guidelines.
- October 24th at 7pm Dr. Tim Steinhauer and Police Chief Aaron Lauth will hold a School Community Conversation on School Safety and Security in the High School Auditorium.
- The Jefferson hillside project will be opening bids on October 8th. The hillside is in need of stabilization so it does not slide into the roadway.
- The high school upper practice turf field project is on schedule and should be completed in late November.

School Board: Dr. Steinhauer, presented the school board report for Sarah Olbrich, who was unable to attend today's meeting.

- The School Board will be honoring the PTA leadership at the upcoming October 15th School Board Meeting.
- The district will be asking the School Board to approve \$1 million dollars in capital budget funds to be designated to School Safety and Security upgrades throughout the district. The planned security updates and recommendations are based on the Mount Lebanon Police departments recommendations per building. Examples of security improvements include additional cameras, safety films on windows, and the implementations of structures that will reduce the likelihood of a car being able to enter a building. Metal detectors are not recommended. Additional Counseling staff and personnel does not fall under the Capital Improvements Projects budget.

Other Officers:

- Bonnie Dougherty shared that there has been an additional newsletter change. As a result of prior changes, community groups started submitting blurbs to newsletters instead of flyers. Community information needs to be shared as a flyer to be approved. All community programs shared through the newsletter links are approved by Jeanine Szalinski.

Old Business: Katie Caste

- Council PTA is looking for help to fill the following council positions: Reflections, Juvenile Protection and Membership.

New Business:

Lisa Silverman, updated us on the special education committee Lebo PRIDE

- Lebo Pride will be meeting on November 13, February 12, and April 30 from 7-8:30pm in room D-205 at the high school. Additional information will be sent out to families soon via PTA newsletters, building newsletters, and teacher communications in the next few weeks.

Katie Caste, shared:

- The Mount Lebanon Library job posting. The library is currently looking for afterschool help 3-5pm weekdays. Contact the Mount Lebanon Library for additional information.
- Dan Miller's Substance Abuse Forum will be October 18th noon-6pm at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

Unit President Announcements:

- **Julie Maselko**, Mt. Lebanon High School PTA, shared that the district Food Service department will prepare bagged meals and snacks for team dinners or any other school needs. Julie encouraged us to consider using Food Services to cater Teacher Appreciation events. Their service and prices are fantastic.

Community Representatives:

Mount Lebanon Library: Rachael Blier, Children's Librarian, shared the following:

- New teen programs have been planned including Horror movie night and book club. See the following link for additional information. <https://www.mtlebanonlibrary.org/134/Teens>
- October special events include, The Annual Fright Night at the library is scheduled for October 26th 6:30-8:30pm, Guitar Petting Zoo October 6th, 2-4pm, Celebrate Simchat Torah October 4th at 4pm, and Monster Mash October 20th at 10am. Additional information can be found on the library website.

Outreach: Rachael French

- Outreach is hoping that with the help of grant funding this program will be up and running in the Winter of 2019. Hidden in Plain Sight is a staged teen bedroom where parents are given an opportunity to find all the hidden drug paraphernalia.
- Outreach has started a Divorce/Support group for women. Additional information can be found at their website. <https://outreachteen.org/>
- The Choices Program, a drug and alcohol education program, is available. Sessions run the third Saturday of every month. Outreach has added a vaping module to this program.

Mount Lebanon Municipality: Susan Morgans

- Light up Night is scheduled for November 15th on Washington Road and December 6th on Beverly.
- The 2019 Recommended Budget will be available online November 1, 2018.
 - A public hearing on the managers proposed budget is scheduled for November 13th at 8pm at the Municipal Building. Community members are encouraged to attend if they have budgeting questions.
- The MyLebo portal has been updated. If you already have a MyLebo account you will need to update your password. The MyLebo portal is where you sign up for Lebo Alerts, find information on permit applications, and submit forms such as over night parking requests. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.mtlebanon.org/3424/MyLebo-Update>
- Mount Lebanon Magazine is currently looking for a Sales Representative. Additional job requirements and position information can be found on the municipality website.

Mount Lebanon Police Department: Officer Aaron Lauth

- The department has had additional officers on site to remind residents of School Go Zone rules.
- The implementation of the new SRO, at the High School has gone smoothly. Officer Ryan Henley is a 16-year veteran of the Mount Lebanon Police Department. The SRO office is located in Center Court at the High School.
- You will be seeing new faces in the police department. There has been some turn over in the department due to retirements and officers leaving to accept local school SRO positions. There is a test for new officers October 13th.
- On a Crime Front- Please lock your doors. In the last 4.5 weeks, 100 cars have been robbed, none of them were locked. Four cars have been stolen, they were all unlocked with the keys in them. Two people from different groups have been arrested. These groups go from neighborhood to neighborhood stealing cars and Mount Lebanon is known as an easy target.

Mount Lebanon Fire Department: Bonnie Dougherty shared information for the fire department.

- The Mount Lebanon Fire Department host an open house Saturday October 6th from 11-3pm.
- Please let the department know if there are any topics you would like them to address on fire safety with children in the community.
- For Safety Tips and additional information, you can follow the Fire Department on Facebook and Instagram.

Additional Announcements:

Lisa Silverman: Community Service Update:

- We will be working with SHIM again this year. The current plan is to follow the same format as last year collecting items the week before Spring Break. Additional information with specific dates will be shared soon.

Bonnie Dougherty: Shared the President's Band will be performing November 1st

- As part of its 100th national concert tour, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band will perform at 7:30 p.m., November 1, at Mt. Lebanon High School Auditorium in Mt. Lebanon. The concert, sponsored by Mt. Lebanon High School, is free and open to the public.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03am

Submitted by:

Rebecca Matheus, Council PTA Secretary

November 1, 2018