

**September 29, 2015**

**WES PTA General Meeting Minutes**

Called to Order: 9:45 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Toussaint

June 2015 Minutes approved

2015-2016 Budget (Julie Toussaint)

- Carryover in the budget reflects \$15K carry-over from last year, which is used to improve the school over the summer (landscaping, playground structures, and poster maker)
- The carryover is now \$3K and is used to fund PTA until income comes in
- Market Day has gone out of business, but this \$700 is counterbalanced by the State-mandated removal of food (i.e., test-time snacks)
- Bonnie Dougherty moved to approve budget, seconded by Natalie Kukla – APPROVED

Treasurer's Report (Julie Toussaint on behalf of Allison Carey)

- The audit has been completed and the findings were satisfactory, with the following comments/suggestions:
  - Need PTA members to provide clear back-up documentation and purpose of expense on expense forms
  - Emailing a request is fine, but a receipt is still required
  - PTA members should not pay sales tax, especially for large purchases
- Bonnie Dougherty moved to approve the audit, seconded by Kelly Latona – APPROVED

Wellness Policy Discussion

- Traci Smith moved to vote on the Wellness Policy, seconded by CharLynn Wertz
- Vote was 20 for snacks (only fresh or dried fruit/veggies and water) and 17 for no food
- So fresh/dried fruit/veggies and water will still be permitted at parties, but NOT required
- During Test Week, parents will still be able to send in snacks, but ONLY fresh/dried fruit and veggies

President's Report (Julie Toussaint)

- Brain Show is happening again in November (put on by Council PTA)
- Outreach is a teen/adolescent resource here in Mt. Lebanon – lots of great info and there is always a link on the Washington Weekly News sidebar
- Dedication for high school is on October 11
- Air conditioning has been discussed by the administration. They are currently conducting a feasibility study to add A/C.
- Enrollment in Mt. Lebanon is up 40 students district-wide

First Vice President's Report (CharLynn Wertz)

- At the end of the official membership drive, we had 326 parents and 26 faculty/staff who registered (TOTAL: 352)

### Second Vice President's Report (Heather Damron)

- "Reflections" is an art program the PTA does. This year's theme is "Let Your Imagination Fly."
- Different categories (photography, film, dance, music, literature, visual arts)
- October 8<sup>th</sup> is when this starts and it is due on October 25<sup>th</sup>

### Third Vice President's Report (Mrs. Davis)

- Washington teachers express their thanks to the PTA for their support
- Thank you to the PTA for the Faculty Appreciation Breakfast
- PSSA Reports went out for last year's 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Scores are different (lower) b/c it is a different and harder test
  - Format is different (less multiple choice and more short answer)
  - Scores went down statewide, but we are still one of the top schools in the state

### Corresponding Secretary Report (Natalie Kukla)

- Please let Natalie know if we need more e-blasts on something

### Recording Secretary Report (Heather Boylan Clark)

- No Report

### Ways & Means Coordinator Report (Kelly Latona and Rosie Pesacreta)

- Read-a-Thon is ongoing right now, we're currently beating Lincoln
- We count on the Read-a-Thon for \$6000 in income, which is approximately \$25 per child in pledges
- Star Wars Reads Day is on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Barnes & Noble, and that is our school's event day too.
  - We get proceeds from the sales that day, including Starbucks purchases
  - Multiple events that day (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band is playing, Mr. Phillips is doing trivia, Star Wars Angry Birds tournament, crafts, etc.)
  - If you come in costume or in a Star Wars t-shirt, you get a prize
  - We will need volunteers
- Kona Ice is this Friday (October 2<sup>nd</sup>) starting at 3 p.m.

### Volunteer Coordinator Report (Amee Oakes)

- Holiday Shop: if you're interested, please email Nicole Gilbert, Aimee Oakes, Soncere Yeager or Julie Toussaint if you'd like to make something for the Holiday Shop
- They're starting crafting days on Mondays in October to mass produce items at people's houses

### Service Project (Barb Alsko)

- Project this year will benefit veterans and troops
- Will be collecting cell phones and tablets for recycling (proceeds to go to Operation Gratitude)
- Craft activity through the year sending letters to the troops to go in care packages

### Learning Garden Clean-Up (Julie Toussaint on behalf of Jan Loney)

- Two every year, please come with children to weed the learning garden
- This is in October and we could use some help

Faculty Representative: (Not Present)

PTA Members Present:

Julie Toussaint  
Mary Kay Davis  
Heather Damron  
CharLynn Wertz  
Natalie Kukla  
Bonnie Dougherty  
Kelly Latona  
Rosie Pesacreta  
Barb Alsko  
Ann Deibert  
Kyla Ellis  
Shannon Neemes  
Andrea Schultz  
Sharon Riesmeyer  
Rebekah Krakora  
Michelle Griffin  
Martha Reisinger  
Marie Maxwell  
Jeanette Bourdeau-Ott  
Marianne Koenig  
Mary Yoho  
Renee Gebben  
Cheryl L. Sorice  
Jen Query  
Christina Shaffer  
Traci Smith  
Amy Seiling  
Deb Ercegovic  
Fran McAuley  
Jen Hetz  
Taryn Boyd  
Soncerae Yeager  
Susan Morgan  
Val Watterson  
Amea Oakes  
Emily Vannarsdall  
Katsue Heginbotham  
Karen Ericksen

Meeting Adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Heather Boylan Clark \_\_\_\_\_