

October 21, 2015
WES PTA General Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: 9:03 a.m.

The meeting was called to order to President Julie Toussaint

September 2015 PTA Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report (Allison Carey)

- Read-a-Thon brought in a lot of pledges
- Classroom party fund still being calculated, should be around \$20 for each party per classroom

President's Report (Julie Toussaint)

- PTA Council is putting on the Brain Show again this year with competing schools
 - Tuesday Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the high school main gym
 - Team of 5 Washington teachers is put together already
 - Wear white for Washington!
 - \$2 donation to attend
- Capital Fund
 - Initial fundraising for Capital Fund has been going on for 3 years
 - Meant as a measure to overcome district wide budgetary cuts and preserve programs (especially those in the arts, technology, and athletics)
 - The first \$100K has been awarded from the Capital Fund already -- \$50K to high school fine arts and \$50K to technology
 - Goal is \$6 million
- October 22 is the Council Education event "It Takes a Village," which is a roundtable event regarding stressors in parenting, stressors for children, and resources available in our community

1st VP Report (CharLynn Wertz)

- Mailed in membership to State PTA
 - Registered 328 people, but several more have given money to be included since then
 - Membership is over 340 right now and there are still people registering and paying
- Directories are being distributed today and electronic versions are going out this week also

2nd VP Report (Heather Damron)

- Reflections entries are being turned in this week, deadline is October 23

3rd VP Report (Mrs. Davis)

- All homerooms have turned in their party food lists/party plans
- Halloween parade on Friday October 30 at 2:30 p.m., parties at 2:45 p.m.
- Report cards are coming out November 11th, they will be live on Dashboard
- Parent/Teacher Conference sign-up is next week – conferences are November 12th and 13th
- School Board policy extending volunteer clearances to be valid for 5 years was approved to be consistent with revision to state law

Corresponding Secretary (Natalie Kukla)

- Thank you note going to Shop N Save for donation of hundreds of apples for Apple Crunch Day
- Thank you note going to Barnes & Noble for the Star Wars Reads event
- Thank you note going out for generous Intermecc matching donation

Historian (Ann Deibert)

- No report

Ways and Means (Kelly Latona, Rosie Pesacreta, Stephanie Fedro-Byrom)

- Read-A-Thon made around \$7500 after expenses
- Barnes & Noble event was very successful too
- We should be able to eliminate some other fundraisers due to the success of the Read-A-Thon and Barnes & Noble event
- November 3rd (Election Day) fundraiser at Lebo Subs and Betsy's
- March is Chipotle fundraiser

Volunteer Coordinator (Julie Toussaint for Ameer Oakes)

- The volunteer database is ready and as events come up Ameer will send out the list of volunteers to the organizers/committee chairs
 - Please make sure committee chairs are contacting and involving volunteers
 - If any parents are interested in helping through the year, feel free to email committee chair to offer assistance
- Please pass along any crafting ideas for the Holiday Shop
- Fifth grade fundraising is on Nov. 3rd – Election Day baked goods tables
 - Washington is in charge of the booth at both Washington Elementary and Mellon Middle School
 - We'll be looking for parent and 5th grade volunteers to man the baked goods tables to collect donations on Election Day
- Mecca Spinning Class fundraiser is today (Oct. 21st)
- Read-A-Thon averaged around \$38 a child, which was above what we requested and is an excellent outcome

Faculty Representative (Mrs. DeMicco and Mrs. Bronco)

- No Report

Past Committee Report

- Kona Ice was very successful, we made \$172
- For the Barnes & Noble Star Wars Reads event, we raised \$1000 in store credit
 - Next Barnes & Noble Event is Sunday December 13
- Homeroom Parent Meetings
 - Did one in the morning and one in the evening – both well attended
 - These are mandatory
- Learning Garden Clean-Up was last weekend and we got a lot of the winterizing done for the garden
 - If anyone has ideas for the future vision of the Learning Garden, please share with Jan Loney, Mrs. Davis, or Julie Toussaint

Current Committee Report

- Service Project: craft club writing thank you cards and doing different displays to thank our troops throughout the year
- Cell phone collection box is in the front office
- Halloween candy collection will be the week after Halloween and then the Rotary Club is paying to ship the candy to Operation Gratitude
- Veteran’s Day Social: Veterans are invited to our breakfast social and ceremony out in front of the school
 - Students will be singing
 - Boy scouts will do the flag ceremony
 - Pictures will be going up on display – if you submitted one last year, you do not need to resubmit

Next PTA General Meeting: Moved to Wednesday Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. to avoid a conflict with Lebo Light Night

Faculty Representatives: Not present

Attendees:

Julie Toussaint
Heather Boylan Clark
Allison Carey
CharLynn Wertz
Heather Damron
Mrs. Davis
Natalie Kukla
Kelly Latona
Bonnie Dougherty
Soncerae Yeager
Karen Eriksen
Cheryl Sorice
Nancie Tormey
Amee Oakes
Rosie Pesacreta

Meeting Adjourned: 9:58 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Heather Boylan Clark _____