

## Washington Elementary General PTA Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2016

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: President Julie Toussaint

### Treasurer's Report (Allison Carey)

- Holiday Shop was budgeted at \$3000 and so far we are at around \$4300 profit
- Collection -- \$1300 check from Box Tops (we were due to bring in \$1000, so we are over that now)
- Check came in for the grant for the "I Survived" books
- Total for restaurant events right now is \$521
- We have to pay for copies throughout the school year that we do for the (5 cents per copy) – over 8000 copies from July-September
- If we are making copies with the PTA copy card, use the school paper

### President's Report (Julie Toussaint)

- Mt. Lebanon School Board approved calendar for next year after much input
  - School starts on August 29, 4 day Spring break (Wed-Monday) and June 9 is last day
- District website has been integrated; please take a look and provide feedback to Chris Stengel
- Report cards – the new report card that came out was generally successful and accepted with some minor criticism. The wording on the grade "3" is being revised to be more accurate.
- There is a new person in the technology department, Mr. Smiley, and we now have the ability to receive our report cards and assignments through a secure email/PDF format.
- There will still be a staggered rollout on Dashboard of report cards, but now we will receive a secure email with a PDF report card as well.
- It is essential that we all have correct contact information and email notification preferences on Dashboard so that communications are reaching us.
- Center for Theater Arts did workshop for Fifth Graders that the PTA funds every year

### 1<sup>st</sup> VP (CharLynn Wertz)

- Membership: 345 members now, 29 staff members
- We are submitting additional memberships that have come in since the initial drive to the State PTA

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Heather Damron)

- Working on Session 2 schedule for lunch time clubs right now

- There is at least one lunch time club every day, a total of 24 clubs first session and 25 second session
- Winter Carnival is coming up
- Bylaws for Washington are due to be re-done

### 3<sup>rd</sup> VP (Mrs. Davis)

- Julie Stringey (life skills teacher) has resigned, her replacement is Kimberly Powell (starting January 29<sup>th</sup>)
- Kindergarten process is changing.
  - In the past we've not done screening, so the classes were sometimes unbalanced academically and special needs.
  - There is now a district screener, so the registration will be different.
  - Orientation will be very similar, still in early May (May 6<sup>th</sup> this year) and they will meet K teachers.
  - We will likely have 3 kindergarten classes next year.
  - When they return kindergarten packet, they sign up for a time to come back with child for screening.
  - We may need a few volunteers for that on May 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>.
  - All information is on Kindergarten website with process, enrollment forms and timing.
  - Screening is at different dates at different schools, but orientation is same day district-wide.

### Volunteer Coordinator (Amee Oakes)

- Variety Show is going on right now
- Need more volunteers for Winter Carnival (January 30<sup>th</sup>)
  - Homeroom parents need to secure cakes, cookies, pop, water
  - We are using high school volunteers
  - Packets are going home tomorrow
  - Erin St. John and Erin Kennedy are new chairs
  - Super Hero theme this year We are fine-tuning the silent auction rules
  - Still accepting donations for grade level auction baskets

### Corresponding Secretary (Natalie Kukla)

- Several thank you notes from staff for Christmas gifts

### Recording Secretary (Heather Boylan Clark)

- No report

### Historian (Ann Deibert)

- Google drive is being updated to only allow access to people's own folders to avoid accidental deletion
- Very important to get committee reports and other documents to the historian for the Google drive

### Ways & Means (Kelly Latona, Rose Pesacreta, Stephanie Fedro-Byrom)

- Bingo for Books is tonight at 6:30 p.m.
- We had Barnes & Noble event in December, chorus and orchestra performed
- Chipotle night is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Looking to schedule April restaurant night as well

### Nominating Committee

- Representatives across grade levels
- CharLynn Wertz, Nickie Manning, Fran McAuley, Tanya Sander-Marks, Sharon Riesmeyer
- Open Positions: President, Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, Ways & Means chair
- Can email any of those people with interest in open positions

### Miscellaneous:

Holiday Shop: Holiday Shop was all handcrafted/reused/repurposed products. It was very successful. We kept it open later this year until 6 p.m. and plan to keep it open until 5 p.m. next year. Four chairs for the holiday shop were fifth grade parents, so we need all new people and need to get them up to speed on everything. Holiday Shop meeting will be February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to get new volunteers and convey all the information they've gathered.

Alternative Gift Market: overall successful, made around \$700 for 9 different charities. Looking to get the word out in more/different ways next year, including from home-room parents and from teachers

Variety Show: Approximately 55 acts, a few less than last year, doing Super Hero theme as well, will do "pre-show" the Thursday morning (day before the show) and then show Friday evening.

Reflections: Danny Ziegler moved on for composition, will go to awards ceremony

Faculty Representatives: None

PTA Members Present:

Julie Toussaint  
Heather Damron  
Heather Boylan Clark  
CharLynn Wertz  
Debbie Ercegovic  
Amee Oakes  
Mary Kay Davis  
Cheryl Sorice  
Kyla Ellis  
Bonnie Dougherty  
Rosie Pesacreta  
Barb Alsko

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.