

Washington Elementary General PTA Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: First VP CharLynn Wertz

President's Report (First VP CharLynn Wertz for Julie Toussaint)

- Report from the PTA Council Meeting
 - Website is up and running – please use it and send feedback to Chris Stengel
 - We can't change PTA website design – they're all consistent with sections for officers, bylaws, portal page for our own information, FAQ, etc.
 - May 1st is the date when all new PTA officers take responsibility now
 - Membership numbers are down, but we're doing well at Washington (we are still taking new members and they're still able to get the directory if they join now though!)
 - Construction at high school – final building is demolished and tennis courts are going in soon
 - Nine teacher and four support staff retirements district-wide
 - Capital Campaign has raised 1.7 million so far, \$100K was distributed this year
 - April 16, Taste of Lebo from 2-5 p.m.
 - Currently receiving grant applications (see newsletter for more info)
 - They're working on capital projects, so let us know if there is anything we see that needs work around the schools
- Report from Mt. Lebanon Librarian at PTA Council Meeting
 - Talked about book clubs at the library – they're changing the dates so please check if your child attends a book club
 - Behavior at the library has been an issue and they're working on a plan right now to address this
 - New code of conduct is being developed as well for the library
- Report from Mt. Lebanon police officer at PTA Council Meeting
 - They're doing a drug take-back program on April 30
 - They also have a stand-alone collection box inside on the lower level of the Safety Center
 - They're applying for Safe Communities accreditation
- Council Bylaws
 - Dues payable deadline is now October 15
- Slate of Officers is being resubmitted for PTA Council

Treasurer's Report (Allison Carey)

- We had a big box top refund of over \$1300
- Winter Carnival made approx. \$7300, which is \$3300 over budget, which is great!!!
- Copying Expenses: if you are on a committee and you are making copies, please keep in mind the cost – if it is a huge print job, we may be able to outsource those jobs
- Bingo for Books was budgeted to bring in \$350 and we are over that
- No Penny Wars this year

First VP Report (CharLynn Wertz)

- We will be putting a blurb in the newsletter that we are continuing to accept new PTA members

Second VP Report (Heather Damron)

- We're working on bylaws, some revisions have come back
- The bylaws will be presented at the next Washington PTA General Meeting

Third VP Report (Mrs. Davis)

- STEAM Showcase, March 7 at high school, first ever showcase
 - Science Spectacular Laser Show, Maker Spaces, tours of different labs, displays of different projects that have been done across the district
- We sent 155 lbs of candy through Operation Gratitude and got a very nice thank you
- We will continue to support Operation Gratitude throughout the year

Corresponding Secretary

- No report

Historian (Ann Deibert)

- Working on organizing folders in Google Docs
- Need to submit year end reports for our committees every year to maintain institutional knowledge
- We will be training folks in the future on how to use Google Docs; if anyone needs training right now, we can provide it as needed

Recording Secretary (Heather Boylan Clark)

- Planning for Volunteer Appreciation luncheon in May – details forthcoming!

Ways and Means (Rosie Pesacreta and Kelly Latona)

- Chipotle Fundraiser is on March 7th (same night as STEAM Showcase)
- Kona Ice Fundraiser is in April
- Book Fair is on March 2nd

Volunteer Coordinator (Amee Oakes)

- Winter Carnival volunteer process was streamlined and worked much better this year
- Great idea to go to the Volunteer Fair at the high school if you need volunteers for something for the year

Nominating Committee

- Committee met and talked to a lot of people, and came up with the following slate for next year's PTA officers:
 - President: Allison Carey
 - First VP: CharLynn Wertz (second year of 2 year term)
 - Second VP: Heather Damron (second year of 2 year term)
 - Third VP: Mrs. Davis (appointed)
 - Recording Secretary: Heather Boylan Clark (second year of 2 year term)
 - Corresponding Secretary: Natalie Kukla (second year of 2 year term)
 - Treasurer: Deb Ercegovic
 - Historian: Ann Deibert (second year of 2 year term)
 - Ways & Means: Kelly Latona, Kyla Ellis, and Traci Smith (appointed)
 - Volunteer Coordinators: Jen Hetz and Joelle Schultz (appointed)
- The slate is voted on at the March PTA General Meeting
- Mrs. Bronco and Mrs. DeMicco will continue as faculty representatives

Miscellaneous Committee Reports

Cultural Arts: Gallery of Heroes show will be on March 23rd

Winter Carnival: Went super well, volunteers were great, food was great, raffles were awesome

Bingo for Books: 92 players, brought in \$370+ despite the weather

Variety Show: Program is a tad shorter this year with 52 acts; Super Hero theme; show on Friday in the morning for the kids

Lunchtime Clubs: Second session is ongoing, clubs are all manned

Holiday Shop: On Thursday, February 25, there is a meeting for Holiday Shop planning for next year. The Holiday Shop is a great service for the kids and a wonderful fundraiser. They want to involve more people for next year, similar to lunch time clubs with grade level chairs. As such, they will be starting lots of subcommittees for next year. NONE of the chairs from this year will be at Washington next year, so we need a whole new committee.

Box Top Drive: Coming up in March

Family Dance: April 15th, DJ is booked, they're looking for volunteers

Book Fair: March 2, Day of Snuggle up and Read

Attendance

Faculty Representatives: None

PTA Members Present:

Heather Damron
Heather Boylan Clark
CharLynn Wertz
Amee Oakes
Mary Kay Davis
Bonnie Dougherty
Rosie Pesacreta
Fran McAuley
Christine Wittman
Kelly Latona
Joelle Schultz
Alison Carey

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.