

## Washington Elementary General PTA Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2016

Meeting Called to Order at 7:12 p.m.

Approval of February Minutes: President Julie Toussaint

### President's Report (Julie Toussaint)

- Report from PTA Council Meeting with Dr. Steinhauer:
  - School Board is looking to approve nasal spray that will block the effects of opioid overdoses
  - State budget is not yet approved; we very much want to install air conditioning, but it is tabled until the state budget is approved (as are many other things)
  - Residents are encouraged to speak to state legislators about the budget issue
  - Last day of school is still going to be June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Drug take-back for police department on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- The PTA has committees to fill for next year, if you are interested in helping chair or co-chair a committee, please contact Allison Carey

### Treasurer's Report (Allison Carey)

- Book Fair was very successful, brought in \$7800 before deducting expenses
- Need to check with committees and see if people are using the money we've allotted to them
- Received check from Target for our perks, \$773
- Motion made to delete Penny Wars line item in the budget for \$1500 -- motion approved unanimously

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

- Spring membership drive is coming to a close
- We will be submitting our final numbers to the state PTA soon

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report (Julie Toussaint for Heather Damron)

- Family Dance is April 15<sup>th</sup>, same DJ from last year scheduled
  - Contact Heather Damron if you'd like to volunteer
- Lunch time clubs went great, please send any suggestions to Heather Damron
- Boxtop collection – final total was around \$1500, which is wonderful
  - Miss Perrett's class won the contest

### 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Report (Mary Kay Davis)

- PSSA testing is the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> (ELA, Monday-Thursday), the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> (Math, Tuesday-Thursday), and the week of April 25 (Science, Monday and Wednesday)
  - Children will be able to bring their own healthy snacks for PSSA testing weeks
- STEAM showcase was a huge success, around 1000 people attended
- Ron Wilcher (PA) is retiring, as is Noreen Winans (Speech & Language)
- Mrs. Spitznagel welcomed a baby boy, Declan Bryant
- Mrs. Folmer welcomed a baby girl, Hadley Elizabeth
- Washington won a \$2700 grant from InterMac that will be used to purchase a 3D printer; it will go in the library and will be put into the maker space
  - Thank you to Tara Heidenreich who submitted that grant on Washington's behalf

### Corresponding Secretary (Julie Toussaint for Natalie Kukla)

- We have purchased various supplies for the PTA cabinet
- Multiple thanks you notes sent as well as a sympathy card

### Recording Secretary (Heather Boylan Clark)

- We are creating an Amazon Smile/Amazon Associate account so that people will be able to click on a special link when ordering from Amazon and the PTA will earn a small percentage of every purchase
- May Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is May 20<sup>th</sup>, evites will be going out

### Historian (Ann Deibert)

- Ann has been working diligently on Google Drives
- Committee chairs need to get end of the year reports in

### Ways & Means (Kelly Latona)

- Chipotle fundraiser went OK
- April 8-10 is Bruegger's Bagel fundraiser (no school that Friday) – note that they close at 5 p.m.
- Book Fair made over \$2000, very profitable this year

### Volunteer Coordinator (Julie Toussaint for Ameer Oakes)

- Working on fifth grade field trips

## PTA Elections

- Thank you to Nominating Committee (list 5 from previous minutes)
- No one has come forth and nominated anyone else, so the slate closed on March 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - President: Allison Carey
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: CharLynn Wertz
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Heather Damron
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Mary Kay Davis
  - Treasurer: Debra Ercegovic
  - Recording Secretary: Heather Boylan Clark
  - Corresponding Secretary: Natalie Kukla
  - Historian: Ann Deibert
  - Volunteer Coordinators: Jen Hetz & Joelle Schultz\*
  - Ways & Means: Kelly Latona, Traci Smith & Kyla Ellis\*
- Slate unanimously approved

## PTA Bylaw Revisions

- State Council PTA has approved our revised bylaws:
    - Main revisions under Article 8 re. eligibility for presidency
    - Officers now take over official duties in May of each year
    - Our nominating committee will be composed of 5 members
    - Nominations will be given to chair of nominating committee (instead of President)
    - Revision to Article 10 -- specifies exactly who is on the executive board (we no longer have former president of PTA on executive board)
    - Committee chair term limits are one year or until a replacement is appointed
- Motion made by Kelly Latona to approve bylaws as revised, seconded by CharLynn Wertz, unanimously approved

## **Miscellaneous Committee Reports**

Variety Show: went well, DVDs are coming out soon

Lunch time clubs: went super well, Heather Damron did an amazing job organizing

Snuggle Up & Read: our teachers are amazing, thank you!

Breakfast Social: Coming up on April 6th

Kona Ice Fundraiser: April 22<sup>nd</sup> after school on playground

Pirate Day: June 8<sup>th</sup>, fifth grade chorus singing

Earth Day: (1) Nike shoe collection at Washington; (2) Earth Day Mt. Lebanon has been moved from Mt. Lebanon Park to Washington Road to coincide with the opening of the farmers market; (3) We will have a table at the Earth Day celebration for our shoe collection.

### **Attendance**

Faculty Representatives: None

PTA Members Present:

Julie Toussaint  
Steve Toussaint  
Allison Carey  
Bonnie Dougherty  
Mary Kay Davis  
CharLynn Wertz  
Kyla Ellis  
Debra Ercegovic  
Heather Boylan Clark  
Kelly Latona

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.