

PTA General Meeting Minutes 10/1/2013

Heather Helm – Welcome & board introduction

PTA Minutes from last time approved.

New parents welcome.

Treasures Report – Tracey: we changed banks from Bank of America to PNC. Also she went over the balances; movie night profits, and direct donations so far.

Administration Report: Peggy DiCrispino: connect ed challenges. Halloween Parade 10/31. Challenge with print shop has delayed the print copy. We do have the access to the web copy already. Covered fire drills. Oct 9th wear orange for unity and ‘walk to school day’ and school picture day. National School Bus day. Oct 23rd Bus Drive Appreciation Day National Education Character week (week of Halloween) WES closed on 11/1. 10/18 WES Closed.

Teacher’s Report: Ms. Allen sent home student council info. Reminder that your teachers love to have input from you please always check in with the teacher prior to reaching out to administration.

President’s Report: next month we are having a special speaker around 7:30pm to talk about college savings plans. Kara Goldheim is our 10 year plan liaison. There will be an addition to WES. Our middle school is not changing. Community input meeting will take place date TBD. Turkey trot upcoming.

Boo Grams : Patty Schwartz: 5th grade fundraiser. .50 each / anyone can send them. Sheets will come home. We are also looking for volunteers to sell them at school 10/16-10/25. On 10/28 & 29th during the day or evening. She’ll need help sorting them.

“**SW Area Advisory Council**” liaison: Aleeze Worthington: we are in SW area. Each area has a council between schools and board of education. 3rd Wednesday of each month. Next is 10/26 at SW academy. This one is the pre-budget hearing. Anyone can pre sign up to be hear; you can speak at this 6:30pm sign up then you are allowed to speak for 2 minutes. This is on the PTA Weebly site.

Nov talking about common core. No December meeting. April will be the legislation meeting. Please feel free to come/ join. This is a completely volunteer position. Heather says that Beverly may attend one our PTA Meetings in future.

Committee Reports:

Spirit Wear – Patti Schwartz – forms are late but they are coming out this week. She needs someone to take this over / twice a year.

Box Tops – Bernie Mosher is still collecting then until Thursday. Top three classes will get a prize.

Food Nights – Yvette Belt – this Saturday is the Apple Bees event. \$385 / 55 tickets so far. Potential minimum profit of over \$200.

Cultural - No update / sick chair BLUE SKY Puppets were here. went great ☺

Kids Club – 90+ kids are signed up. Don't forget to email the teacher and cc the admin on the day of kids club for the adjustment to the dismissal plan for the day.

Green School – Amy Kelly Chair. Outdoor classroom is complete. All poison ivy is gone. It looks great ☺ Pictures forthcoming. April Benson / Amy Kelly - In November they are going to clear the whole butterfly garden then will replant in the spring. We need help from landscaping or public works or a public grant. Recycling ink cartridges is a challenge. Maybe dropping off at Target's recycle bins.

Beautification – April Benson and Amy Kelly are looking at the area near the trailers. Full of weeds and it's difficult to keep on top of it. We are asking Mrs. Santos to make some bigger mosaics for that area to help keep that area attractive. We need to keep in mind any of the areas that we are getting an addition so we don't want to invest in items which will be moved or removed. We may have a work party or two to get some of the weeds ripped out. In August a work crew of volunteers did a great deal of weeding. Needs to be done again. Maybe butterfly bushes or other native plants and such. We took down the dog waste bins; it was too hard to empty the bins. We had to give it up. We will still provide the bag and there are public trash barrels that they can use. Any extra plastic grocery bags are a welcome donation.

Year book – chair not here. if you don't want your child in the yearbook please email cherly (this is also in the star news letter)

Staff appreciation – Kara. Bus drives 10/23 and educators the following week. Big Teacher appreciation luncheon is in May. Café workers appreciation TBD. Debbie was chair last year. Trish was on committee. We'll reach out to them to ask what was the plan in past.

Direct Donation – (see above)

Membership – Kim Huff: 232 members so far. Last year 276 by the end of the year.

Directory – Jessica Lucas not here.

Book Fair / Book Night – no news at this time.

Beach night – will be in January – we need a new chair next year.

Math night – school is taking care of this

Movie Night – Megan Kight is the chair but was unable to attend. Amy Breznak took care of this one. Made a nice profit, sold out on snacks, super helpful volunteers, very well attended. Next one is 12/6 HOLIDAY theme ☺

New Student – Amy Breznak nothing to report. Breakfast was a success.

Parents Night Out – Amy Breznak– same DJ as last year. Date booked 3/14. Same format. We will start getting donations after the New Year.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

– Ms. Allen – Black Saga needs \$125 sponsorship. PTA approves this sponsorship.

- Patty asked if there is a 5th grade bus safety on the bus. There are some issues on her child's bus.
- 11/22 Friday is grandparents breakfast Kim Meyers is chair.