

# MINUTES

## Marion Walker Elementary PTO

September 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Tara Ripka at 6:36 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance lead by Tara Ripka

### In attendance

|                |                   |                     |                 |                    |
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| Tara Ripka     | Bikem Oskin       | Heather Huntsinger  | Amanda Fedisson | Michelle McConnell |
| Robin Sweka    | Cynthia Naspinski | Kim Kneas-Hilliker  | Amanda Grindley | Tonya Januszki     |
| Wendy Thomas   | Patty Correll     | Danyelle Crouthamel | Ashley Price    | Jacki Hopkins      |
| Jackie Wynkoop | Erin Gearhart     | Holly Williams      | Carly Barger    | Jen Dickinson      |
| Lindsey Harter | Laurie Henry      | Andrea Racer        | Joey Stewart    | Heather Dawson     |

### Treasurer's Report

Heather Huntsinger went over the budget changes that were discussed at the June 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting.

Motion: by Tara Ripka to approve Treasurer's Report made

Second: by Danyelle Crouthamel

Vote: unanimous

### Secretary's Report

Reviewed the Meeting Minutes from the June 20th Executive Committee meeting.

### New Business

Reading Counts – computers will be available in the library. Bikem Oskin volunteered to take over the Open Lab nights. She will set up a SignUp.com signup to send out to parents. Labs will begin the first week in October. Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Parent Council Meeting Report

The Walker Township Fall Festival is September 28, 2016. PTO will be holding a bake sale during the event. We are looking for volunteers to make and individually package baked goods to sell.

Buddy Bench – The Girl Scouts will give a presentation about the Buddy Bench. The girls made the benches and what to install one at Marion Walker.

Motion: by Tara Ripka to pay for the Buddy Bench

Second: by Amanda Grindley

Vote: unanimous

### Committee Reports

5K/1mile: Erin Cernuska

5K will be on Sept. 24, 2016. Registration forms have been sent home.

Book Distribution: Wendy Thomas

Nothing to report

BOX TOPS: Robin Sweka

Every 50 Box Tops kids collect; they get a coupon for an ice cream in the cafeteria. Box Tops has a new app everyone can utilize.

Carnival: Tonya Januski, Bikem Oskin, Kim Hearn and Danyelle Crouthamel  
Carnival will be held Feb. 24, 2017 with a snow date of March 10, 2017  
Bikem – Game suggestions were given at the meeting. i.e. Doo Doo Head (Velcro hat), dunk tank, pie in the face of a teacher/principal, photo booth  
Tonya – It is Tonya's last year and she needs someone to shadow her  
Kim/Danyelle – Danyelle has volunteered to shadow Kim and take over the kitchen for the carnival.

Fall Dance: Robin Sweka  
Dance is October 28, 2016 from 7-9 p.m.  
The entire family is invited. Children cannot be dropped off; parents/guardians must stay.

Field Day: Kim Hilliker, Megan Kline and Ashley Price  
Nothing to report

Fundraising: Cynthia Naspinski  
Great American will be the fundraiser this year. Forms will be sent home soon. We are going to try to only have one fundraiser this year.

Holiday Store: Amanda Fedisson and Amanda Grindley  
The goal is 3,000 items. We now have 1,900. This year the committee is clearing out the old inventory. There is a new Pinterest page. The big need now is taking labels off wine bottles. Items that need to be donated are: gift wrap, tissue paper and jewelry boxes.

Labels for Education: Jacki Hopkins  
This is the last year for Campbell's Labels for Education. Campbell's has decided to retire the program after 40 years. We have \$125 gift card that we are going to give to SWEPS.

Membership: Joy Miller  
Membership drive will start shortly. The \$50 Diamond opt-out option is still on the form.

Scripts-Gift Cards: Shelby Hamilton  
November and December ONLY

SUNNY D Labels: Wendy Thomas  
The school gets 10 free books for every 10 Sunny D Labels that get turned in. The deadline is early in November and it's only once a year.

Tyson A+ Project: Christy Witmer  
Nothing to report

Volunteer Coordinator: Jackie Wynkoop  
Volunteer forms went home. Please fill them out and return them. Jackie will send out the list of volunteers once she collects all the information. There is a QR code on the form so parents can fill it out on their phones.

Ways and Means: Michelle McConnell  
Pumpkin: Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades will all get pumpkins  
Cookie Jar: SignUp.com signup has been sent out for Cookie Jar volunteers.

Yearbook: Andrea Harman  
Yearbooks will be \$18 and are softbound. They will be delivered at the end of May.

### **Mrs. Yontosh**

Mrs. Yontosh had a death in the family and will be out all week.

### **Teacher Rep.: Patty Correll**

The Walker Township Fall Festival is September 28, 2016. Volunteers are needed.  
Saturday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> is from 1-4 p.m. we are sharing with Bellefonte Elementary a skate day.  
Motion: by Tara Ripka to participate in the shared skating with Bellefonte Elementary  
Vote: unanimous

**Other Business**

Jacki Hopkins suggested putting shade over the play ground

Next meeting will be October 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Walker Elementary School Library

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Tara Ripka

Second: by Erin Gearhart

Vote: unanimous

*Submitted by Bikiem Oskin*