

MINUTES

Marion Walker Elementary PTO

March 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Grindley at 6:34 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance lead by Amanda Grindley

In attendance

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| Amanda Grindley | Lindsey Harter | Heather Huntsinger | Bikem Oskin | Colleen DeFonzo |
| Karen Krisch | Laurie Henry | Danyelle Crouthamel | Allison Kyte | Hanna Burke |
| Amanda Fedisson | Carrie Giornesto | Verna Schoonover | | |

Treasurer's Report

Heather Huntsinger read though all the movement in the budget.

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve treasurer's report

Approved: Danyelle Crouthamel

Secretary's Report

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve past meeting minutes

Approved: Colleen DeFonzo

Committee Reports

Book Distributions: Lindsey Harter

Spent \$100 this year. Received recommendations for future book purchases. Got rid of a lot of the books that were previously in the closet.

Winter Carnival: Bikem Oskin, Danyelle Crouthamel, Lindsey Harter, Laurie Henry

All the thank you letters have been sent.

Over all a good event and we profited about \$3,500.

Fundraising: Cynthia Naspinski

Fundraising - Ultimate Sub Sales will end on March 22. Return only the tally sheet. April 9th is delivery. We need at least 1 person to help between 1-3 p.m. that day.

Reading Counts: Bikem Oskin

We are looking for people to monitor the evening.

Ways and Means:

5th Grade Graduation – Jen Anderson with take over and coordinate. June 6th at 1 p.m. is Graduation. 46 children in all. We will plan for about 150-200 people.

Family Bowling Day – March 17th 2-4 p.m. Open to all Marion Walker students and families.

Free bowling and shoe rentals.

Memorial patio – Bricks need to be purchased for the four retirees from last year.

Yearbook: Andrea Harman & Jacki Hopkins

We are going to get a copy of the yearbook for Mr. DeCusati. Yearbook will include a Cheryl DeCusati memorial page.

Principal: Mrs. Krisch

VIP Fundraiser Assembly is Friday. Free STEM camp will be at Pleasant Gap for K-5. Memorial for Cheryl – Students will be painting a mural near the kindergarten hall. There will also be a tree

planted in the playground and a bench purchased. A message will be sent out to the staff for donations. Mobile Ag Lab will be coming soon. Next year's school calendar is posted. There will be two full weeks for Christmas and four snow days built into the calendar.

Teacher Rep.: Colleen DeFonzo

Thanks for the book distribution. Thanks for the Kathy Miller program. Community Literacy program is tomorrow night at the high school.

Old Business

Tax Exempt Status: The IRS has approved out tax exempt status. It took 19 months, but we are officially a non-profit now. The PTO will file federal taxes but will not have to pay taxes. PTO is working on wording for a letter and other paperwork that might be necessary to communicate the non-profit status. The type of exemption we have does not preclude up from paying sales tax.

New Business

Reading Counts Dates – Possibly change to different days of the week in the next year. Have it alternate so more people can attend.

School Board Meeting Summary – Amanda Grindley presented to the school board on behalf of the PTO. Talked about what's been done with tax exempt process and the rebranding with logos and bags. They were very receptive.

Summer Learning Program at the Centre County Library. Marion Walker PTO donates money every year.

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve \$200
Approved: Unanimously

Get Air – Gave two free jump passes and said they can host events for 20% proceeds being donated back to the school. PTO looking into it for next year.

School Equipment: Last year PTO voted on purchasing picnic table to replace the picnic table outside by the playground. Due to the budget freeze they were not purchased. Since budget freeze is over PTO is looking to purchase the table. Last year's price:

Composite picnic tables attached bench with customized colors (red & gray) – 8' \$1,082; 6' \$742

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to order three 8' benches
Approved: Unanimously

Karen Krisch asked about purchasing benches and putting them outside by the front door walkway for people waiting to pick children up.

Composite bench with customized colors (red & gray) – 4' \$300; 6' \$400

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to order two 6' benches
Approved: Unanimously

Next meeting will be officer elections on May 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Walker Elementary School Library

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.
Approved: Laurie Henry

Submitted by Bikem Oskin