

# MINUTES

## Marion Walker Elementary PTA Minutes

November 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Tara Ripka at 7 p.m.

### In attendance

Shelby Hamilton, Cynthia Naspinski, Angela Lombardo, Robin Sweka, Lisa Badger, Bikem Oskin, Suzanne Dixon, Lisa Miller, Wendy Thomas, Kim Kneas Hilliker, Ashley Price, Sharlene Yontosh, Rebecca Lohr, Colleen DeFonzo, Allen Harchak, Patty Correll, Tonya Januszki, Stacey Slagan, Tiffany Benner, Jane Haranin, Tara Ripka, Katie Baney, Cindi Brininger and Shannon Hilliard

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the September 18, 2014, meeting and approved by Shannon Hilliard and Tiffany Benner (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### Budget

Questions for Treasury Report

Waiting on a check from Robin

Numbers

Student Sales – \$17,000 waiting on bill

Family Support – Benner Family

Suzanne Dixon (1<sup>st</sup>)

Wendy Thomas (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### New Business

- Shed Roof – Needs to be repaired  
Get a list of supplies needed – tin, etc.  
Motion to vote to repair roof  
Suzanne Dixon (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Bikem Oskin (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Playground Slide \$3,000 to fix  
Elks – Garver Fund?  
Ronald McDonald Fund? Contact Person – Rosemary  
Betterment of children eligible playground equipment is eligible  
Promethean boards – Art & Music needs one \$4,000 set aside could put towards the slide if needed.  
Motion to approve using Promethean money  
Katie Baney (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Lisa Miller (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- SWPBS Budget  
3<sup>rd</sup> year doing it  
drawing – high 5 slips go up on stage, crafts, game days. How much? ~ \$500. Mrs. Yontosh using principal account. Names pulled to wrap presents? T-shirts & luncheon, BASD bags add in notebooks/pencils etc.  
Motion to approve \$500 budget  
Suzanne Dixon (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Stacey Sleggan (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### Committee Reports

- Parent Council Meeting – 11/6/14  
Elementary intermural – softball, more for elementary age group e.g. Lego Club – teachers or approved parent.  
Art Club – make  
teachers paid \$10/hr. 1 time a week maybe volunteers paid also. Would take place after school, parent pickup required – Deb Moore  
Athletic director has the paperwork.  
Community page on our website – lists all activities can sign up for RSS feed  
Next parent council meeting Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> open to parents most likely at middle school. Safety issues.  
Math new addition to math. Designing games not ready yet.
- Reading Counts – Monitors needed 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays available for kids to do quizzes. Anyone willing to do it? Volunteer sheets not back yet. Parents stay with kids

### Principal's Report

Mrs. Yontosh

- Math changing & units of study for reading  
RTII  
3 Response to Instruction Intervention Language Arts  
2-2:30 p.m. – take skill areas children need, remix into like group and work with four times week – extra support. 6<sup>th</sup> grade deficits

in decoding struggling readers still stuck on decoding, can't progress to comprehension|  
Common Core – not adopted national –created the PA common core  
PSSA is going to be difficult this year  
Reading stamina

## Committee Reports

- Field Day – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting tomorrow night. Date will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Held at Walker Township Park
- Fundraising
- School Mall – shop through school mall in Wal-Mart, etc. like shopping online. \$2.25 each time (Add to PTO newsletter)
- Fundraiser delivered 11/13/14. Pickup time 3-6 p.m. Help would be nice ~ volunteers need to be at school library at 1 p.m.
- Limo – still waiting on numbers & logistics
- Add donations welcome to PTO website & newsletter)
- Holiday Store – Suzanne Dixon  
December 12<sup>th</sup> all day event. Come help out. Set up in cafeteria, get gift tags. Selling, wrapping, personalization, shoppers.  
Maybe use book buddies to help kids with their shopping. Flyers coming home. Bring covered dish. Setting up the night before ~ 5 p.m. take up to 3 hours.  
Absentee Day = Monday. If snow day, will be following Friday. Need fillers wrapped mints/gum/wrapping paper.  
Robin needs help. Tara will help Dec. 15
- Membership  
Levels come out mid November
- Literacy – Wendy Thomas  
1<sup>st</sup> book distributed coming out in the next few weeks. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Set up for each grade
- Winter Carnival – Katie Baney – Friday, Feb. 20. Food in \$25 increments, looking for chip vendor. All volunteers have to be adult, need to have experienced BASD person to run the ovens in. Nittany Valley Little League want to donate water etc. Talk to Heather. Kitchen opens 5:30 p.m. Games can take high school volunteers. Mozzarella sticks/pretzels. Any other suggestions. Tonya will do raffles. Businesses to donate \$50 + to sponsor a game?
- Ways & Means  
Pumpkins were delivered  
Cookie Jar full until end of the year.  
Bowling night – Maybe January
- Yearbook  
Early December, can send in photos for yearbook
- 5K – May 16, 2015
- Halloween Dance  
made \$1,100. Maybe need more line dances. Leftovers donated
- Boxtops – Nov. 3, 2014  
\$2,481. 3 classes have received popsicles
- Labels  
54,000 points so far
- Giant A+ Rewards – earn points
- Scripts – 1<sup>st</sup> order tomorrow
- Coke Rewards – NA
- Sunny D  
88 labels so far. End of November deadline.  
10 labels = 10 books
- Tyson  
100 to send in not yet  
Target card – sign up online. \$400 so far  
Kellogg's – go online  
Office Depot – go online

## Announcements

Monday Veterans Day program. Wear red, white & blue.  
ROTC Air Force cadets  
5<sup>o</sup>Below – lots of games

## Next Meeting

January 8, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Marion Walker Elementary Library.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tonya and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bikem and was passed unanimously.