

MINUTES

Marion Walker Elementary PTO

March 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Tara Ripka at 6:34 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance lead by Tara Ripka

Index Cards for Questions/Comments

In attendance

Tara Ripka	Katie Baney	Heather Hunstinger	Bikem Oskin	Melissa Hockenberry
Patricia Correll	Wendy Thomas	Kim Kneas-Hilliker	Ashley Price	Shannon Rados
Duffy Besch	Cynthia Naspinski	Christina Onuskanich	Amanda Grindley	Amanda Fedisson

Treasurer's Report

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

Second: by Amanda G.

Vote: unanimous

Secretary's Report

Motion: by Tara Ripka to approve Secretary's Report

Second: by Wendy Thomas

Vote: unanimous

Old Business

Reading Counts Lab Open – Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. VolunteerSpot schedule was set up

Parent Council Meeting Report — Facilities committee report. Looking at updating the football field bleachers and parking at the High School.

The electric bills are lower because of solar panels.

We need to look into the tax exempt number. We cannot use the H.S. #.

Our district can hold can hold 3,000 students

June 3rd is graduation. Set in stone.

Committee Reports

Ways and Means: Michelle McConnell

March 13, 2-4 p.m. Free Family Bowling Day

Teacher appreciation meal is coming up

Field Day: Kim Hilliker, Megan Kline and Ashley Price

T-Shirt design winner is Madison Melius. Forms have gone home for volunteers. Contacting more vendors.

All clearances need to be approved by April 19th Board Meeting. (March 22nd is the next voting board meeting)

Fundraising: Cynthia Naspinski

Delivery Date: March 17 distribute 3-6 p.m.

Profit is \$3,169. \$500 from Scentsy.

Holiday Store: Amanda Fedisson and Amanda Grindley

Craft Night, 2nd Friday of each month at Amanda Fedisson's house. They are sending out a sign-up sheet so they can buy supplies. Need 105 wine bottles.

May have a merry mystery bag for gifts that have been around a while

Membership: Joy Miller

Need to do book dedication

SUNNY D and Book Distribution: Wendy Thomas

2nd book distribution was Monday. Thank you for helping. We will do one more before the end of the year.

Winter Carnival: Tonya Januski, Bikem Oskin and Kim Hearn

New heads needed for raffles & kitchen after next year.

Bikem – It was a great night and great turn out. Thank you to every volunteer that came out to help. Setup went fast and having all the volunteers was a huge help. Clean-up was rough. All the volunteers left and it was Tara, Steve Oskin, Tonya and Tonya's husband left. We need more help cleaning up next year. Pre-sales were a great idea and a lot of people took advantage of it. We sold about 50% of the tickets in advance. I want to make this event better, so any suggestions or ideas are welcome. If something didn't work or could have been made better I want to hear about it please. We need more prizes. I'm looking at some new games for next year, so feedback is crucial.

Some feedback:

Hours change to 6-8 p.m.

Kids liked the door prizes throughout the night.

Massages for parents

Bingo for parents

Door prize for each person when they come in. (no cost)

No quarters are needed in the cash box.

Keeping sales separate was a good idea.

Have the doors open in the back.

Parents liked having the bags for the kids.

Raffles took too long. Maybe post the winners, but rethink how raffles are done.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jackie Wynkoop

Nothing new

Yearbook: Andrea Harman

Pictures can still be uploaded. Contact Andrea with questions

BOX TOPS: Robin Sweka

Nothing new

Fall Dance: Robin Sweka

Nothing new

Labels for Education: Jacki Hopkins

Bought balls, we have a lot in storage. Jump ropes, skip balls, electric pencils sharpeners were purchased.

Scripts-Gift Cards: Shelby Hamilton

Nothing new

5K/1mile: Erin Cernuski

Nothing new

Tyson A+ Project: Christy Witmer

Nothing new

Mrs. Yontosh

Last month did the first lockdown with the Alice Drill. The kids were great. Went very well PSSA that time April 11-14 ELA test; math 19-21, science 4th grade 26-27. Opportunity for 4th & 5th graders going to CPI May 11th. Building block for success is Marc 29th 17 different people coming to the event to showcase what they can do for preschool. We will talk about kindergarten. Students will be having Middle School orientation.

Team Building day with the 5th graders to the middle school end of May

1st board meeting in April 5th is traveling. They are having meetings at different schools. Marion Walker will sponsor the board meeting on April 5th. Board tours the building then meets with the PTOs and discusses what they do.

Teacher Rep.: Patty Correll

Thank you for everything.

Thank you Christina O. for a great week last week for reading across Bellefonte. Kids are working on thanks notes to Reptile land. Donated 700 items and \$60 to Paws. Two Marion Walker families have gone to Paws for adoption.

Dr. Seuss week was a huge success.

Parks and Rec Fall Festival is a community day for kids on Sept. 24th at Walker Township Park.

New Business

Water Filling Stations – Vote on PTO purchasing 2

Motion: by Tara

Vote: unanimous

Increase Family Reading Night Budget to \$1,000

Motion: by Tara

Vote: unanimous

Vote on a possible donation for Children's fair on Curtin Street in Bellefonte. The Rotary was asking for a donation. It is similar to our carnival but outside. They will have a few vendors. Date is June 4th.

Motion: by Tara to spend \$250 to donate to the Rotary Club Children's Fair.

Vote: unanimous

Vote on a possible donation to Centre County Library Summer Reading Program. Asked for a donation.

Motion: by Tara to donate \$200 to the C.C. Library.

Vote: unanimous

Pencil sharpeners for all the classrooms

Motion: by Tara

Vote: unanimous

Bellefonte READS Community Literacy Night – Wednesday March 23rd 6-8 p.m. at High School.
Malala Book

Possible Ideas for our funds - New PA system for gym & shade screen for outdoor classroom. Someone is looking at accessing it.

Screen shade for outdoor classroom. Talk to Pennwood and MidState Awning.

Ask Mrs. Yontosh for a quote for walking track.

Chuck E. Cheese donated capes and they have a fundraiser.

Bellefonte Lip Sync is next Friday. Need a canned good to get in. Everything gets donated to the Food bank. Friday March 18th. Bellefonte Elem. PTO.

Next meeting will be May 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Walker Elementary School Library. Officer elections.

Motion: by Tara to adjourn meeting made at 7:53.

Second: by Patty C.

Voted: unanimous

Submitted by Bikem Oskin