

# MINUTES

## Marion Walker Elementary PTO

October 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Grindley at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance lead by Amanda Grindley

### In attendance

Amanda Grindley	Lindsey Harter	Megan Aberegg	Heather Huntsinger	Karen Krisch
Jen Buzard	Debbie Rose	Pat Zimmerman	Hanna Burke	Tracie Horn
Kim Kneas-Hilliker	Ashley Price	Mike Brooks	Jodi Johnston	Amanda Fedisson
Beky Strouse	Laurie Henry	Amy Heverly	Allison Kyte	Chris Cipro
Verna Schoonover	Felipe Montes	Michelle Blackburn		

### Treasurer's Report

Heather Huntsinger read through all the movement in the budget. The account balance is a little lower than normal, but that is because we are waiting for Fundraising monies to come in.

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve Treasurer's Report.

Approved by: Amanda Fedisson

Second: Lindsey Harter

### Secretary's Report

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve previous Meeting Minutes

Approved by: Verna Schoonover

Second: Lindsey Harter

### Committee Reports

Fundraising: Cynthia Naspinski was not in attendance.

- Fundraiser pickup is November 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm in the gym.
- Volunteers still needed to help sort and separate items from 1:30-3:00 pm on November 13th. Clearances are needed.
- Fundraiser brought in approximately \$24,000 in sales with 150 students participating. This does not include online sales.
- Limo ride reward was discussed. No date has been decided at this time.

Holiday Store: Amanda Fedisson

- There are approximately 1,750 completed items for the holiday store. Goal is 4,000 items.
- Kits are available and there is a Marion Walker Pinterest page with ideas also.
- Current craft projects were discussed. Please make sure Amanda is aware of any current craft projects.
- Thanksgiving break is the deadline for items. If we don't have enough, students will need to be limited to the amount of items they can purchase.

#### Membership: Ashley Price

- Membership Drive runs until October 22, 2019. There are currently 22 Memberships which are mostly Diamond Level. Mrs. Kling's class is in the lead for the most memberships.

#### Volunteer Coordinator: Jackie Wynkoop was not in attendance

- There were 59 responses to the Volunteer survey, which is on par compared to previous years. There will be some adjustments made in the future to different fields on the survey, in order to obtain more detailed information.

#### BOX TOPS: Hanna Burke

- We are wrapping up on clipping box tops. There is a new digital app for them.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> is the Fall Deadline for clipped Box Tops.
- Some stores are currently running different Box Top promotions (Walmart, Sam's Club).

#### Fall Dance: Lindsey Harter

- Fall Dance is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 pm.
- Lindsey found a new DJ. The DJ will be bringing lights this year!
- A lot of volunteer spots are still available and need filled. Examples: hallway monitor, games, entrance collection. The baked goods slots are filled. Clearances are NOT needed.
- Debbie Rose suggested the idea of adding a Haunted Hallway.
- The admission fee will be \$3 per person, however, it can be lowered to \$1 with a donation of two canned goods.

#### Book Distribution: Lindsey Harter

- Fall Book Distribution will be on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Volunteer spots have been filled.
- Lindsey had to order books this year, as there were not enough left in stock. She placed a \$1,000 order and will be receiving approximately 370 books and some extra free books.

#### Yearbook: Jen Buzard

- Tomorrow, October 10, is Picture day, which is the only day that Yearbook orders will be accepted.
- You can order Yearbooks online or with the paper order sheet (Package #10).
- There have been lots of texts and email reminders sent to parents/guardians.
- Cover Design contest deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Joey Stewart and Mrs. Shoemaker will be in charge of this.

### **Mrs. Krisch**

- Mrs. Krisch sent home a newsletter yesterday with all students.
- Safety Day will be held on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>
- The first Alice (Intruder) drill will be held at the end of the month.

### **Teacher Rep.: Colleen DeFonzo**

- Colleen was not present at the meeting, however she did relate that there are no new updates.

## **New Business**

### Field Day & T-shirt Design:

- Danny Miller is looking for feedback and ideas on T-shirts and new activities for Field Day. There has been talk of having a dunk tank, and also some harder activities for the older students.
- One suggestion was to have each grade level be one color and then add some competition among the classes. It was also suggested having tie dyed shirts for adults so that parents that have more than one child can represent multiple classes.
- Amy Heverly suggested having all students wear the same color shirt, and then add bandanas or bracelets in different colors to differentiate between classes.
- Felipe Montes suggested having white t-shirts and having each student personalize them.

### Santa Shoppers: Amanda Fedisson

- The teachers provide lists with ideas of gifts that their class needs or wants. Shoppers are given \$30 per class and purchase items from the given lists. Gifts are then wrapped and delivered to each class.
- Amanda needs a helper to shop for the lower grade levels. Megan Aberegg offered to shop for grades Kindergarten through Second grade and Amanda will shop for grades Third through Fifth.

### Presentation Ideas:

- Amanda Grindley discussed the Vaccination Presentation that was done last year. Do we want to do the same topic this year with updated Health information?
- It was suggested that we do an Online Safety/Cyberbully presentation this year. Amanda will look into this and we will aim for the presentation to be done during the January meeting.

## **Questions or Comments:**

- Tracie Horn brought to our attention that the Bellefonte Fine Arts Booster Club is in need of volunteers to help at the concession stand at the Bellefonte Football game on Friday night. Tiffany Benner is President of the Booster Club if anyone is interested in volunteering their time.

Next meeting will be November 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Walker Elementary School Library

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Approved by: Laurie Henry

Second: Felipe Montes

*Submitted by Megan Aberegg*