

Westowne Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2022

Virtual Meeting - Google Meet



Attendees: 15 total attendees

Administration: Mr. Anthony Schultz, Assistant Principal;

Board Members: Marie Grant, Vice President; Olga Mason, Treasurer; Laia Tiderman, Secretary

Statement: Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Vice President Marie Grant, a quorum being present.

1. Welcome
2. President's Report
 - Membership Update - 170
 - Playground Renovation Update
 - Funding for a new playground for older students from the legislature. Should be fully funded through the legislature. The PTA will continue to monitor the funds as they flow to BCPS.
 - Many thanks to Delegate Ruth, Ebersole, Sydnor and Young
 - Recap of Scholastic Book Fair
 - Thanks to all our volunteers! Good turnout on parent and family night.
 - Grant from Catonsville Women's Giving Circle provided over 180 books for students through All for Books. Also bought each teacher at least one book through grant funds.
 - Upcoming Events
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Passport Across the World
 - May 2-6
 - Opportunities to participate
 - Much thanks to all the parents who have expressed interest in supporting the PTA next year.
3. Treasurer's Report - Olga Mason, Treasurer
 - Revenue
 - Scholastic Bookfair - Revenue of \$10,000 total (\$7,314 in cash)
 - All For Books Grant - \$1,500
 - Reward programs
 - Amazon Smile: \$292 as of March 2022
 - Other Items
 - Scholarships - Catonsville High School and Western Tech
 - Budget Amendments
 - Per our Bylaws, the PTA cannot spend more than is approved.
 - Motioned by Rodney Jones, seconded by membership. No discussion. Motion passed.
 - https://www.westownepta.com/uploads/1/3/2/7/13279768/april_2022_treasurers_report.pdf
4. Committee Reports
 - 5th Grade Committee
 - Yearbooks

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- 5th Graders do not need to purchase Yearbooks. Yearbooks are paid for by the PTA for all 5th graders.
- Yearbooks are available for purchase NOW for Pre-K through 4th grade - \$17 . And each book comes with 2 free custom pages.
- NOTE: 5th grade parents can make a custom page but do NOT need to purchase a book
- To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook
 1. Go to www.treering.com/validate
 2. Enter our school's passcode: 1016142946021347
- No information on closing activities yet.
- End-of-year party at Hunting Hills Swim Club, date to be decided.
- Nominating Committee and Elections
 - Election year for the PTA Board.
 - The nominating committee will be meeting to review any identified candidates. The nominating committee will recommend a list (slate) of candidates for membership to vote on at the May meeting. Nominations may also be made at the meeting.
 - Elections will be held at the May meeting.
- Bylaws
 - Westowne PTA is required to revise our Bylaws. Additional voting item for the May meeting.
- 5. Unfinished Business
 - Virtual Assemblies
- 6. New Business
- 7. Westowne Administration Report and Updates - Mr. Shultz
 - Enrollment is over 700.
 - For the 2022-2023 school year, Westowne will become a Targeted Title I school. The designation provides additional funds and staff for the school. Some internal promotions and changes in staff. Administration has begun hiring for open positions.
 - Sullivan, Engle, McKnight, Pope
 - Watch D.O.G.S.
 - MCAP Testing begins for grades 3 through 5 in the next few weeks. Hopefully
 - Ms. Pachino is leaving for surgery and will be retiring at the end of the school year.
 - Field Day
 - Commencement Activities
- 8. Announcements
 - Resources and Supports
 - BCPS School Calendar
- 9. Adjournment at 7:48 PM.
 - Thank you to our PTA Membership!

Signature: Laia Tideman, Secretary