

Westowne Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Jan

Virtual Meeting - Google Meet



Attendees: 23 total attendees

Administration: Mr. John Palmer, Principal; Mr. Anthony Schultz, Assistant Principal; Ms. Lisa Pachino, Assistant Principal

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

Statement: Meeting called to order at 7:01 by President Carrie Differ, a quorum being present.

1. Welcome - Carrie Differ, President
2. Approval of minutes (from last meeting) - Carrie Differ, President
 - Motioned by John Palmer. Seconded by membership. No discussion.
3. Treasurer's Report - Olga Mason, Treasurer
 - Revenue
 - Holiday Shoppe total profit of \$4,976
 - Spirit Wear 188 t-shirts and hoodies/50 pura vida bracelets
 - Culinary Craft \$180
 - Donations and Memberships
 - Reward Programs
 - Amazon \$173 from September 2021
 - Box Tops - pending
 - Budget Amendment
 - Spirit wear - Initially budgeted 0 for expenses because we planned on selling available merchandise or using a company where the PTA does not have to handle money. Because we changed the vendor, the PTA had to expend funds for the sale. Proposed increase to \$3500
 - Trunk-or-Treat - Need to increase line item by \$210
 - MemberHub - PTA moving to MemberHub to support selling spirit wear and memberships. Increase line item to cover costs for fees associated with those fees. \$200
 - Motion Carie Grahl, seconded Johanna Kuban. No discussion. Revised budget will be posted to the Westowne PTA website.
4. President's Report
 - Holiday Shoppe Update
 - Huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers!
 - The PTA is seeking a Holiday Shoppe Manager to assist planning for next year.
 - Membership Update - 169 memberships
 - Opportunities to participate
 - Current and Upcoming Events
 - Restaurant Night at [BricknFire Pizza](#) frozen pizza order
 - Pura Vida Bracelet Fundraiser
5. Committee Reports
 - 5th Grade Committee meeting in October (open to all 5th grade parents).

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- Working on commemorative items and closing ceremonies.
 - All grades will be included in the yearbook this year and will be available for purchase shortly.
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Working on listening sessions and surveys.
 - Nominating Committee
6. Unfinished Business
- Playground for upper grades - PTA is working with Del. Ruth for possible state funding sources. Mandy Rimmell with the Baltimore County Executive's Office, seeking additional funding this legislative session for capital projects.
7. New Business
8. Westowne Administration Report and Updates - Mr. Palmer, Principal and Mr. Schultz, Assistant Principal, Ms. Lisa Pachino, Assistant Principal
- Thanks from the administration for
 - Westowne had 21 staff members who tested positive or were required to quarantine. The lack of available staff forced the school to move virtual for the week of January 3.
 - BCPS decision to move to asynchronous virtual for Jan 10 and 11.
 - Passed out ~200 tests to families today. Tests cannot be passed out to students. Administration will explore some other options to distribute tests to all families.
 - ~5 classes that require substitutes on Wednesday, 4 on Thursday, 3 on Friday. All staff are back to normal beginning next week.
 - 686 total enrollment
 - Make sure the school has your up-to-date contact information. Call the front office.
9. Announcements (including date and time of the next meeting)
- BCPS School Calendar
 - Resources and Supports
10. Adjournment at 7:51 PM

Signature: Laia Tideman, Secretary