

Westowne Elementary School PTA

February 19, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Present: 16 attendees

Meeting called to order by Denise Avara at 7:01pm

January minutes approved as written

President's Report: Denise Avara

1. Bike rack – Ben Stallings is planning is project proposal, bike rack to accommodate ~15 bikes
2. BPW meeting update – new school – Denise reported that Bev Coleman gave a good speech and that Franchot is still supportive of Westowne
3. Movie Night – donations made to Hannah More shelter of \$30 cash and 3 boxes of toiletries, hopefully we can do another movie night this year
4. Upcoming Board Position Elections – March mailing, April mailing, May vote
5. Rotary Adopting Westowne
6. Tables to be purchased – sizes and quotes were distributed, volunteers solicited to transport tables from store to school
7. Events for March – Plant Sale, orders due end of March/early April, pick up planned for Friday before Mother's Day
8. Screen Free Week activities being planned
9. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5-9, events being planned (shhh....)
10. Vote of appropriation of money to pay for training for Ms. Johnson – tabled
11. Claire's update – Tracy Horch announced that orders are due 2/27, robocall and flyer to come

Vice President's Report: Lori Kleppin (absent)

1. Literature Night – Thursday 3/20, Fiesta theme; book fair will run Tuesday (3/18) through Thursday (3/20); volunteers sought; concessions inquiry made to Cathy Ritzes for 5th grade, Mrs. Ritzes will check with the committee
 - a. Melody Higgins to take over book fair
 - b. BIG thanks to Jen Keathley for chairing book fairs in the past!

Vice President's Report: Miranda McClain

1. A plea was made for Miranda to not move from Catonsville and she was thanked for her service to date

Treasurer's Report: Laura Blank

1. Treasurer's report review tabled during bank changeover process which made statements unavailable

2. New date to be chosen for audit

Secretary's Report: Jessica Brown

1. Safeway, Giant news... - reported updated totals for both programs
 - a. Giant - \$1203.81
 - b. Safeway - \$1814
 - c. Inquiry was made on the Target total, Jessica will check and send totals out in a Blast

Principal's Report: Mrs. Patrick

1. Right turn on Harlem Ln during arrival and dismissal policy announced
2. Read Across America information to be distributed soon
3. Tech purchases are coming in
4. Meeting with Assistant Superintendent Dr. Allie planned for 2/20 at 7pm at Catonsville Elementary
5. Most classrooms have had the thermostats and valves replaced which should mean more comfortable classrooms
6. The MSA testing schedule was announced
7. We have used up the 7 allotted inclement weather days

Teacher Liaison: Judy Robey

1. Screen Free week planned for 5/5-9
 - a. Ms Johnson has planned events for each night of the week

Green School: Carol Schexnayder

1. Green Club to start up again soon

5th Grade update: Kerry Johnston & Cathy Ritzes

1. No more candygrams planned for this year

BoxTops – Patricia Wright

1. Last check sent was \$1269.90

Ideas/Suggestion corner

1. Pennies for PJs raised \$200 in January
2. 2 more assemblies are planned
3. Melissa Pound will take over Laura Blank's position as Special Education Liaison

Raffle was won by Amanda Wozzley and Jessica Tartal

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Addendum to the minutes:

1. Nomination committee – a board meeting was held on March 7th to establish a quorum to name Tracy Horch, Jen Nyland and Mary Peters as the nomination committee for the board elections to be held in May
 - a. The committee will report nominees at the April PTA meeting
2. The board voted unanimously on April 1st to replace Tracy Horch with Jessica Tartal on the nomination committee after Tracy stepped down