



Whittier Elementary PTA | Frederick, MD MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Emily Harlow, PTA President; there were 21 people in attendance.

Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved by the group. Motioned by Jen Goodrich and seconded by Amy Schwiegerath.

TREASURER REPORT

- Reviewed current budget.
- Budget report was approved by the group. Motioned by Amy Schwiegerath and seconded by Jennifer Waugamn.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Membership Drive: total to date, 85 members (63 families and 22 staff). Will be doing another drive and would like to put items in the newsletter and Thursday folders.
- Trunk or Treat: Event is 10/25 at 6:30 PM. The flyer is being reviewed and they are looking for business sponsors to help with candy costs. *Sign up genius* is being updated and will be circulated. Looking for volunteers to help set up and break down.
- Spirit Wear: Logo options for review were passed around. The new on demand spirit wear site will allow parents to order as needed, will allow for orders to be delivered directly to the individuals and the PTA will not have to keep an inventory in stock. Traditional Whittier logo will also be an option on the site.
- Discount Cards: Discount cards service was explained to the group. Instead of a coupon book this is one card that has a variety of discounts for local businesses in Frederick. The hope is to have out for the Holiday season. Card is good for a full year and PTA can select the vendors.
- Skate Event: Will be February 2nd at Skate Frederick. Cost is \$10 per person and it includes 3 hours of skate time and rental fees. \$5 of the \$10 goes to the PTA. Coal Fire has agreed to offer discounts for the event as well.
- Multi-Cultural Night: Scheduled for 11/16 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. They are looking for volunteers and folks to help pick up business sponsorships the night of.
- Play: Is scheduled for April 5&6. They are looking for volunteers. Play is open to all students grades 1-5 and is a collaboration with Frederick MET. Practice for the play are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

OTHER

- Young Rembrandts: A representative from Young Rembrandts spoke to the group and asked if PTA would sponsor them at the school with insurance. It was agreed to sponsor. No cost to PTA. Young Rembrandts is an after-school drawing class.
- Back to School Night Conflicts: question from parent about avoiding having the same back to school night as the feeder middle school. A. Schwiegerath spoke to it and will coordinate with the new principal at the middle school for 2019. There was an agreement with the old principal but that seemed to be lost in the shuffle.
- Communications: discussion about more consistent communication with parents and making sure that information is posted through multiple outlets – the website, facebook, email and Thursday folders.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 PM

NEXT PTA MEETING

- General Membership Meeting – 11/19 @ 6:30pm
- Board of Directors Meeting – 1/14 @ 6:30pm (all welcome)

Minutes prepared by Tina Long, Secretary

to be reviewed and at 11/19 PTA meeting for approval.