

Board Members

Cindy Hutcheson, President /Katie Felmler, 1st Vice President /Siobhan Hummel, 2nd Vice President/ Alan Scholl, Treasurer/Misty Cebry, Corresponding Secretary/ Anne Strawbridge, Recording Secretary/ Ed Smith, Principal

Call to Order

Cindy Hutcheson called our November meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Welcome & Introductions

Cindy Hutcheson introduced the Executive Board and welcomed general members.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

The October 23 minutes were reviewed and approved as provided.

President's Report

Cindy Hutcheson reported that we finished the final Walk-a-Thon prizes with the Chick fil-A Breakfast (with the cow!) and the Carmine's Parkside Pizza Party. She said the kids loved the Trinkha Hakes Nobel visit and the SEL Breakfast/Veteran's Day Assembly. She reminded members that signups for Family Art Night and Book Club will be coming up.

Principal's Report

Mr. Smith's reported that it's a nice month for students, and the staff is very appreciative of the PTA's continued support for many school events. We just had our Veteran's Day assembly which was combined with one of 4 SEL Breakfasts with food provided by PTA and staff. This SEL Breakfast focused on service. There will be another one in January and one in May combined with Muffins with Mom. There is a strong SEL focus at WVE to balance academics.

International Night was highly successful. We had huge attendance and received great feedback from the community. Planning to run this event again in two years.

Mr. Smith thanked the PTA for their help in securing/purchasing books for students to be signed by guest Author Trinkha Hakes Nobel.

Mr. Smith encouraged families to come out to the Brain Show Family Fun Night at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6:00. This fun evening event coincides with our Book Fair. School Community is asked bring a canned food/shelf stable item to donate to the North Coventry Food Bank. During the day, The Brain Show will have 2 assemblies, K – 3 and 4 – 6.

Mr. Smith reviewed school snow policies about late opening/early dismissal. Please refer to the Handbook which is on the WVE website.

Mr. Smith encouraged parents to sign up for parent/teacher conferences by this Friday. Ask the Questions. Be prepared. 15 – 20 is not a lot of time. Write down questions and concerns and know what you want out of the conference before you go in. Skyward has grades posted. Trimester Ends Nov. 27. Grades go live December 5.

Mr. Smith met with Mr. Maynard who assisted with East Vincent and East Coventry's new playground equipment to look at what we have versus what else we might need. There is an array of underground infrastructure in that area, so it's not as straight forward as one might think. Currently considering swings and potential equipment expansion. Funds from the Walk-a-Thon would help underwrite the expense.

Mr. Smith also talked about a new Artist In Residence mural project located on the Kindergarten's retaining wall. The \$5,500 - \$6,000 project would be led by Bailey Cypress and Julie Deary from the Middle School and would specifically target 3rd grade. With Mrs. Beaver's help they have applied for a \$2,200 - \$2,500 grant from the Philadelphia Arts Foundation. Mr. Smith would use the remaining funds from the Annual PTA Project and ask the PTA for approximately \$3,000. The motion to increase Annual PTA project up to but not to exceed \$3,000 from Unrestricted Net Assets was shelved until Mr. Smith meets with the artists and has a more definitive cost analysis.

Treasurer's Report

Alan Scholl presented the Treasurer's report. The last statement has been reconciled. We have approximately \$97,000 on hand. IRS/PA PTA all received their necessary 990's. Largest expenditures were for the author visit and publishing center. The Walk-a-Thon T shirt expenses were reduced by \$1040.

Correspondence

Misty Cebry shared that Dr. Lloyd thanked the PTA for our help with the Daffodil Project.

New Business

- Book Fair: Siobhan Hummel shared Book Fair Chair Jamie Williams' report that they are in full swing and the kids are having a blast. The doors will be open on Wednesday from 5:30 – 8:00 pm during The Brain Show Family Fun Night. We still need some volunteers. Many thanks to our parent volunteers!!! We are using e-wallet again and it's great!!!! Makes things much easier at checkout. Please try it if you haven't. Go to the website to register, put in credit card info, add \$ to student's account.
- Brain Show Family Fun Night is November 14. Plan to come and get your dance on! 6:30 – 8:30.
- Family Fine Art Night: Anne Strawbridge reported this program will be on November 30th led by Anna Cunningham from Hop Toad Studio. Painting a Master's Theme, Monet's Waterlilies. Must be preregistered. Please bring a shelf stable food item for the North Coventry Pantry.
- Holiday Bingo (Registration begins Dec. 3) will be on Dec. 14. Doors open at 6:00, and the event runs from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Please bring a shelf stable food item for the North Coventry Pantry.

- After School Programs: Cindy Hutcheson reported on our new Book Club. Grades 1 – 3 registration begins Nov. 12. Book Club for Grades 4 – 6 will be held in the Spring.
- All Pro Dads: Katie Felmlee encouraged parents to have the Dad in your life come to this inspirational and very popular program run by Mike and Cheryle Fredrick. The next one is on Dec. 6 at 7:00 am in the gym.

Old Business

- Author Visit: Trinkia Hakes Nobel (See President and Principal's report.)
- International Night (See Principal's report.)
- SEL Breakfast/Veteran's Day (See President and Principal's report.)
- West Vincent on Ice: Anne Strawbridge reported we had about 50 skaters who enjoyed having the rink to themselves. PTA earned about \$100 from this event.

Committee Reports

- Membership and Unfundraiser: Siobhan Hummel reported no changes.
- Reflections: Lyn Noon reported that she has 8 – 10 entries for Hero's Around Me which she will forward for judging.
- Publishing Center: Rita Pederson reported that she has had some technical issues, but it's working now. They have completed Mrs. Johnson's class and is waiting for the other 3 classes.
- Reading Incentive: Amy Shumacher reported via Cindy Hutcheson that if you go to the PTA website, you can download the calendar. Check off every day that you read, calculate the minutes and get a prize. Miss Hertzog's class uses it as homework and gets prizes!

From the Floor: There was a discussion about Staff Appreciation. The PTA provides a Back to School Gift and Breakfast, various appliances (Keurig/microwave/toaster oven), treats at Teacher Appreciation Week, and an End of Year Luncheon. Parent/Teacher Conference nights can be long, and it was suggested that the PTA could supply some treats/beverages. Carrie Kane volunteered to help run this.

There was also discussion about it being the giving season and how we as a community (PTA/School Staff/District) support those in need.

Adjournment: Cindy Hutcheson adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Upcoming 2018/2019 Dates to Remember:

11/12 General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm school library

11/12 – 11/16 Book Fair

11/14 Brain Show Night 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Gym

11/19 & 11/20 Parent/Teacher Conferences – Half Days

11/21-23 No School-Thanksgiving Break

11/30 Family Fine Art Night 6:30 – 8:00 pm @ Gym

12/3 School Board Meeting @ HS

12/6 All Pro Dads Breakfast 7:00 am @ Gym

12/11 General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm @ school library

12/12 Winter Concert

12/14 Bingo Night doors open @ 6:00. Event runs 6:30 – 8:00 pm @ Gym

12/24 – 1/1 No School-Winter Break