

### **Board Members**

Cindy Hutcheson, President (absent)/Katie Felmlee, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President /Siobhan Hummel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/ Alan Scholl, Treasurer/Misty Cebry, Corresponding Secretary/ Anne Strawbridge, Recording Secretary/ Ed Smith, Principal (absent)

### **Call to Order**

Anne Strawbridge called our October meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Anne Strawbridge introduced the Executive Board and Jean McMenamin who filled in for Mr. Smith.

### **Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**

The 9/25/18 minutes were reviewed and approved as provided. Rita Pederson motioned to approve and Jamie Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Principal's Report**

Jean McMenamin gave Mr. Smith's report.

The beginning of the year assessments are almost complete. The first 6 – 8 weeks they gather info on students' baseline reading and math levels and take into consideration the summer slide. Now they are in their routines. Star Math gives staff a guideline for math facts at/above/below grade level. If there are any questions about the assessments, please reach out to your teacher 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten assessment is different. Plan to come to parent/teacher conferences to learn more about your child.

The PTA project: Daffodils, were planted by all of the children. Mr. Smith thanks PTA for funding this project. The hillside is going to look amazing in the Spring.

On 11/6 there is a professional development day. No school for students.

International Night is coming up on November 8. Everyone is welcome to come and experience the many countries being represented. There is always lots of interesting food and clothing. Children will get passports to take around and get stamped. We could use a few more volunteers to help stamp. Volunteer sign up is on the WVPTA website.

On November 7, Author Trinka Hakes Nobel will be giving assemblies. She will autograph books prior to the assembly. Teachers will email forms to purchase books. Forms and payments are due Friday, October 26.

On November 9, Alex Fizz will be speaking at our SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) Breakfast. Parents and students are invited to come as well as Veterans who will be honored in a morning school assembly.

On November 14, the Brain Show assembly will be held during the school day, as well as a Family Fun Night at 6:30p.m. Doors open at 6:00. This fun evening event coincides with our Book Fair. Please bring a canned food/shelf stable item to donate to the North Coventry Food Bank.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Alan Scholl presented the Treasurer's report. He made a motion to adjust income Cash FYE to reflect our checking account balance to \$73,497.92 (6/30/18). Andrea Needham 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and it was approved.

Rita Pederson suggested moving \$206.70 to Spiritwear Budget from Unallocated Reserves so it matches \$ spent. The Board will discuss this at our next Executive Board Meeting and address at our next General Membership Meeting.

Lyn Noon questioned the \$5,000 line item for Game Day. It was explained that the PTA was providing T-shirts for every student, rather than having some classes with shirts, while others have none. This was presented in a General Member's Meeting by the 2018 Budget Committee on 4/19/18 and approved at the General Members Meeting on 5/21/18. There was a recommendation to check your children's shirt size next spring, and the Board is open to ideas about shirt design.

### **Correspondence**

Misty Cebry shared that there were a lot of great Walk-a-Thon posts on FB and SeeSaw as well as wonderful notes from Mrs. Zimmerman's class. Mrs. Flexner thanked the PTA for supporting the Daffodil project. There was another Thank You from the 11:45 – 12:15 teachers/lunch group for the Microwave, Toaster, and new Keurig.

### **New Business**

- Author Visit: Trinkia Hakes Nobel (see Principal's report)
- West Vincent on Ice will be at Power Play on November 6 from 1:45 – 3:15. \$7.00 rink fee. Bring friends to skate along. It's a fun event!
- International Night at 6:00 – 7:30 pm on November 8. (See Principal's report)
- Book Fair Chair Jamie Williams reported Book Fair will run from 11/12 – 11/16. Teachers Sign up through email. Preview Day is 11/1. There will be a volunteer sign up genius 11/6 with a link to see teachers time slots. There is also a link to a video to learn how to use the register. We are using e-wallet again. Go to the website to register, put in credit card info, add \$ to student's account. Book Fair will be open during Brain Show Family Fun Night, and the national Education Week. There is a new app to show age level and summary of books for greater oversight of the books we make available.
- Brain Show Family Fun Night is November 14. Plan to come and get your dance on!
- Family Fine Art Night is November 30<sup>th</sup> led by Anna Cunningham from Hop Toad Studio.

## Old Business

- Walk-a-Thon: Katie Felmlee reported on our t-shirt vendor's printing issue and the final resolution. Our Friday total was \$31,262.36. Mr. Smith was a great sport to agree to getting 8 pies crushed on him! Raffle winners, class prizes and top earners were announced. Mrs. Verwys AM Kindergarten won the Chick-fil-A Breakfast, Mrs. Day's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class won Carmine's Parkside Pizza lunch, and Mrs. Remegio's class won the pretzel tins from Unique Pretzel. Highest individual earners were Annika Juuvadi who won a \$250 gift card to Target, Denali Urum came in 2<sup>nd</sup> to win a Crafty Chef Baking Party, and Christopher Strawbridge came in 3<sup>rd</sup> to win a week at Miss Betty's Day Camp. There is a great video of the day with many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. McDannels for their drone footage and video production.
- Standing Rules Committee: (Anne Strawbridge, Rita Pederson, and Jamie Williams) met and updated Standing Rule #5, events and programs, and the signers. Lyn Noon made a motion to approve. Misty Cebry 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Standing Rules were approved as presented.
- Mom's Night Out: Katie Felmlee reported that we had a great evening on the rooftop at Whole Foods with a lot of new WV Moms, yummy hors d'oeuvres, and good networking. Recommended to do again next year.
- PTA Project: Daffodils: Alan Scholl reported that there were a lot of kids planting for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, so it was a good learning experience. This was Mrs. Flexner's idea for school beautification and the plan and site was reviewed by a Master Gardener from Penn State.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Low Ropes Course focused on team building. Check out FB Page for pictures by Saunde Briggs. Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders at the meeting shared that their kids had a great time.

## Committee Reports

- Directory: Misty Cebry reported that the directory has been sent home.
- Membership and Unfundraiser: Siobhan Hummel reported 211 members/ 4 new since September.
- Box Tops: Andrea Needham, Chair, said they are still counting. Submission Date is 11/1.
- Yearbooks: Balfour Ap, and Homeroom Parents help plan
- Spiritwear: Katie Felmlee reported that the online orders were delivered last week. We are considering a Spring OJR/West Vincent online sale, and maybe a holiday flannel sale. Rita Pederson said she likes the West Vincent focus.
- Reflections: Lyn Noon reported that she has the first submission for this year's theme: Hero's Around Me and will be taking them until Nov. 12. Many different art forms are welcome. Check out our website for info and submissions forms.
- Publishing Center: Rita Pederson reported that she met with 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes and has 84 books to publish. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade works are coming next. These works should be completed before the December break. She put in a big supply order.
- After School Programs: Anne Strawbridge reported that both Martial Arts and Art Mixed Media wrapped up. Parents commented on how knowledgeable their kids were on the material presented and that they had a really good time. Both programs will be offered again in the Spring, but will switch grade levels. Rita Pederson asked about the after school

program, Masterminds, which Jay Pederson and Scott Casey ran in the past. Siobhan Hummel said that she would ask Jay Pederson his interest level again. The Board said they were open to having Mr. Pederson run the program again.

**Adjournment:** Anne Strawbridge adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

**Upcoming 2018/2019 Dates to Remember:**

**11/6 No School-Professional Development**

**11/6 West Vincent on Ice @ Power Play in Exton 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm (\$7 rink fee)**

**11/7 Author Visit**

**11/8 International Night @ Gym Room 6:00 – 7:30**

**11/9 SEL Breakfast and Veteran's Day Assembly**

**11/12 School Board meeting 7:00 – 9:00 pm at HS**

**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**

**11/12 – 11/16 American Education Visitation Week**

**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**

**12/14 Bingo Night**