



**Fort Washington Elementary School PTA Minutes
General Membership Meeting
February 7, 2018**

PTA President Debbie Rothkopf called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Principal's Report, Shawn McAleer

- FWES had an Eagles Pep Rally. They sang the Eagles Fight song and it was broadcast live on 97.5.
- If you are dropping/picking up your kids and parking on Highland Avenue, only park in legal spots. The police are ticketing. Do not park across the street on Highland Avenue and cross the street to pick-up.
- AM Academy for 3rd grade is on Tuesdays. The students are chosen by teacher recommendation. Last week there were 6 students with 5 teachers. Thank you Mrs. Nitschke for volunteering to help with AM Academy.
- Family Coding Night will be on February 12th. The event is fully booked. We have 50 students and 50 parents attending.
- PSSA's will be held 4/10 - 4/12 (Language Arts), 4/17 – 4/18 (Math), and 4/24 – 4/25 (Science).
- Stage Café this month will be for February and July Birthdays.

Teacher Liaison Report (Nancy Young)

- Mindfulness is amazing and the Ned Show and other assemblies have really been fabulous. Thank you!

School Board Report, Sara Rothman

- Dr. Wheeler is retiring at the end of the school year. The school board will hire a search firm on Monday, February 12th.
- On January 29th, three architects presented their visions for SRMS. The school board will conduct site visits to see their work. The board will vote on which firm to hire on 3/12. There might be a community meeting prior to the vote.

Business Meeting

- January minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's report attached.
- The nominating committee for next year's PTA board was approved. The committee is Heather Fichter, Amanda Jones and Julie Habermusch. They will begin the search for candidates for the board and will present the slate at the March meeting. In April we will vote on the slate.
- Mindfulness – In the fall, Jacque O'Malley will do a refresher of Mindfulness for every class. The cost will be \$1,500. This will complete the Mindfulness series sponsored by the PTA.
- Jacque O'Malley has also offered to do a mindful parenting class for FWES parents. The class would be a two sessions. The total cost of the class would be \$500 and we would charge participants a fee offset the cost of the class.
- We discussed the PTA Vision. Our goal is to make sure that all children are able to participate in PTA events regardless of financial means.
- Committees
 - Bingo is this Friday, February 9th. There will be lots of great food, teachers calling the numbers and raffle for prizes

- Science Fair - will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. All students who wish to participate must complete and submit the entry by Feb. 16, 2018.

Announcements

- Next PTA Meeting is March 14th at 7pm
- Family Bingo Night is February 9th at 6pm
- Science Fair is March 7th
- Yearbooks are on sale now.

Thank Yous

- Lisa Lester for organizing and setting up ASA
- Julie Howell, Barb Mass, Debbie Pileggi, Liz Huttie, and Pam Olshefski for volunteering to teach ASA

Debbie Rothkopf thanked all for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

The next PTA meeting is March 14 at 7PM in the library.

Minutes prepared by Sandra Atherholt, on February 12, 2018.

TREASURER'S REPORT: February 7, 2018 PTA Meeting

Date	Type	Number	Description	Amount	Totals
Deposited Income					
1/12/2018	DEPOSIT		Silent Auction - late deposit, check error	80.00	
1/12/2018	DEPOSIT		Spirit Wear Fall: late deposit, double order	40.00	
1/18/2018	DEPOSIT		Box Tops Deposit	537.00	
				TOTAL	\$ 657.00
Checks					
1/4/2018	CHECK	1502	Donna Murphy, Assemblies: Ned Show 429 yo yos and 170 accessories. ck 3798 reimbursement	599.00	
1/10/2018	CHECK	1503	Lisa Lester, SSL Certificate for Go Daddy site 3 years (Receipt #1246069044 01.06.18)	179.97	
1/10/2018	CHECK	1504	Signature Promotions, Inv 9510 01.10.18 30 TShirts for FWES Bingo	162.75	
1/17/2018	CHECK	1505	udhs post prom, S&A Post Prom Donation: FWES PTA	250.00	
1/17/2018	CHECK	1506	Kim Berezovske, NU Book Buddy Walmart 01/08/18	92.46	
1/24/2018	CHECK	1507	Kim Berezovske, NU Book Buddy B&N 01.17.18	183.76	
1/30/2018	CHECK	1508	Philadelphia Zoo, OrderID 25755518 Ft Washington Elem D Hartnett 1st grade FT 6/1/18	385.00	
1/31/2018	CHECK	1509	MCIU Reading Olympics, Fort Washington Elementary School (Patriots, Karen Wolkin, ENR)	195.00	
				TOTAL	\$2,047.94