



**Fort Washington Elementary School PTA Minutes
General Membership Meeting
December 14, 2016**

PTA President Debbie Rothkopf called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. A quorum was established.

Interim Principal's Report, Dr. George Giovanis

- Dr. Giovanis announced that due to Mrs. Glaser's extended illness, the concert on January 10th will be Orchestra only. The chorus will perform at the upcoming "Music in our Schools Concert" in February.

School Board Report, Sara Rothman

- Sara Rothman addressed the recent media report and parental concerns over possible school day structure changes. She reported that at this time, no policy changes are being proposed or voted upon. Dr. Kim Minor, Director of Elementary Education is looking to find best practices and to have more continuity between the district elementary schools. The education committee is meeting with teachers, administrators and parent representatives and looking at options such as allowing for more ELA and math instructional time. She encouraged parents to attend meetings listed on the district website and that she will continue to be a liaison between FWES and the School Board. She stressed the importance of open communication as to avoid misunderstanding and mistrust. Mrs. Rothman assured parents that concerns will be brought to the board and that the district will endeavor to provide accurate and timely information and updates.

Business Meeting:

- November minutes were unanimously approved.
- PTA Treasurer Sherri Gregg gave her report (follows).
- The art department is continuing to collect plastic water bottles for a project. Collection boxes can be found throughout the school.
- The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service activities will be held January 16th at 10AM at the high school. All are welcome to come and participate in many different service projects.
- The motion to purchase of another session of the mindfulness program will be made and voted on at the next PTA meeting. A presentation by Jacqui O'Malley, founder of Project Mindful was given at the November PTA meeting, along with demonstrations and testimonials by teachers and parents. For more information on mindfulness and its benefits, visit projectmindful.org.

Announcements and Committees:

- “Mad Science” assembly scheduled for January 13th.
- After School Activities will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 31st to March 9th. Registration information will be released after the winter break.

Thank You:

- Jenny Shapiro and Christina Sunday for coordinating the Turkey Trot.
- Patti Kiefer for organizing the Barnes and Noble Night and to the teachers and families who participated.
- Donna Murphy for the Amelia Bedelia/Herman Parish assembly and book sale.
- Mary Ann Kohlbrenner for organizing the Blood Drive.
- Julie Clark for organizing the Dine & Earn at MaGerks.
- Erin Tate and MaGerks for hosting the Dine & Earn and providing entertainment.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, at 7pm, in the library.

PTA President Debbie Rothkopf thanked all for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Minutes prepared by Mia Payne, on January 2, 2017.

Treasurer's Report
December 14, 2016

Deposits:

Welcome Packet	\$ 64.00
Elementary Connections	223.00
Fourth grade field trip	20.50
Kid Stuff Books	150.00
PTA Membership	10.00
Kid Stuff Books	875.00
Pretzels	25.00
Spirit Wear	3782.00
Holiday Shop	6793.44
Assemblies	1745.54
Total:	\$13713.48

Checks Written:

Know Buddy Book	\$ 255.32
Directory Spot	400.00
Kid Stuff	2300.00
Music field trip	495.00
Assemblies	1203.40
Mindfulness	2750.00
Peppermint Lane (Holiday Shop)	5422.87
Signature Promotions (Spirit Wear)	3178.36
UDSD (Brain Pop)	2295.00
Kid Stuff	25.00
Philly Pretzel	670.75
School Store	287.70
Assemblies Books	148.10
Book Buddy	419.31
Beautification	99.83
Pretzels	24.14
Total:	\$19,974.81

Spirit Wear

Income: \$3782.00

Expenses: 2878.36

Profit: 903.64

Holiday Shop

Income: \$6793.44

Expenses: 5519.87

Sales tax: 401.79

Profit: 871.78

Kid Stuff Fall Fundraiser

Income: \$4750.00

Expenses: 2325.00

Profit: 2425.00

Assembly:

Made \$394.04 on books, bringing assembly cost from \$1844.00 to \$1449.96