



**Fort Washington Elementary School PTA Minutes  
General Membership Meeting  
April 13, 2016**

*PTA President Michelle Haggerty called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was established.*

**Principal's Report, Stephanie Hultquist**

- PSSA's are currently taking place in grades 3-5. April 11-14 (Language arts), April 18-20 (Math), for grades 3-5. And April 25 and 27<sup>th</sup> (Science), for grade 4.
- Ms. Tester and Mr. McAleer welcomed a healthy baby boy.
- Upper playground slide update: The wrong slide was delivered by supplier, correct one is ordered. Kiln update: It is now functioning and can be used by Miss Padova.
- Allied Art Show is April 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-9 PM at UDHS. At least one piece of artwork from every student will be displayed.
- The next Town Hall Meeting will be held April 22, at 2 PM in the gym. Fifth grade will be presenting.

**Teacher/Staff Liaisons, Marilyn Bolling 3A, and Ed Bush, 3C**

- Thanked the PTA for the many supplies, books, furniture, etc. for the students, teachers and classrooms. On behalf of the Reading Olympics team, Mrs. Bolling thanked the PTA for their support and keeping it in the budget.
- They are getting ready for grade 3-5 Open House and there will be a break from PSSA's on Friday.

**School Board Report, Sara Rothman**

- The board just had their legislative meeting this past Monday. Minutes will be posted on the district website.
- There is currently a review going on of the English/Language Arts curriculum.
- It is budget season, so the board is currently working on the budget. There is no word yet on the amount of funds that will be provided by the state.
- School board is still considering an electronic billboard that would be installed near the high school to provide revenue for the district. They sent RFP's to a few companies to obtain more accurate return figures. Fair market value estimate for revenue is \$200,000/yr. for the district.
- The Realignment task Force unanimously agreed to recommend that sixth grade stay at the middle school. There will be a community forum concerning this on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM at UDHS before the usual School Board meeting at 7 PM.

- Currently there are no plans to support any Villa students in the coming year as it is scheduled to close and students placed elsewhere.

### **Business Meeting:**

- March minutes were unanimously approved.
- The slate for 2016-2017 PTA Board was unanimously approved:  
Debbie Rothkopf, President  
Jenny Shapiro, 1st VP  
Heather Fichter, 2nd VP  
Sherri Gregg, Treasurer  
Mia Payne, Secretary
- Amendments were unanimously approved to increase the number of VPs on the PTA board by two, and to clarify the language and comport with current practice.
- The PTA Nominating Committee presented the two candidates for the approved PTA board 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> VPs: Marion Butcher and Lisa Lester. A vote to approve these candidates will take place at the May PTA meeting.
- PTA Treasurer Sherri Gregg gave her report (follows).

### **Committee Reports and Announcements:**

- The Cradles to Crayons spring clothing drive for children is going on. Collection boxes are located in the front of school. Lightly used or new clothing, shoes, books, games, toys and baby items are needed. Additionally, each grade is asked to donate a particular item. More information is on a flyer that was sent home as well as on the fwpta.org website. If you have any questions, contact Judy Yoon or Ashley Frearson.
- The 2016 Burning for Learning 5K and Fun Run will be held April 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open at: [https://www.runtheday.com/registration/select\\_race\\_type/35842](https://www.runtheday.com/registration/select_race_type/35842)  
Congratulations to Mrs. Regan's class, 1C, who won the pizza party for most registrations.
- A flyer went out with information about donations for raffle baskets at the spring fair. Each grade has a fun theme. It will also be posted on the fwpta.org website. Please contact Maureen Ryan with any questions.
- Box Tops for Education: Thank you for your continued support and keep sending in those box tops. Congratulations to Mrs. Fatiga's class, 5C, for winning the March box Tops challenge.
- Big Strides is continuing Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch recess. Volunteers are needed and welcome: [www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa8aa23a1f94-bigstrides](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa8aa23a1f94-bigstrides)
- Jump Rope for Heart will be held April 15<sup>th</sup> (Rain date 4/18), 9:30-11 AM in the FWES parking lot.
- Town Hall meeting will be April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 PM in the gym. Fifth grade will be presenting.
- No school April 26<sup>th</sup>, teacher in-service day.
- If you are able to help hang artwork on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for the Allied Art Show, please contact Liz Padova at [lpadova@udsd.org](mailto:lpadova@udsd.org).
- Early dismissal May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM, teacher in-service day.
- Open House for grades 3-5 is on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 PM.
- Spring Orchestra concert is May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7PM-8PM in the gym.

- The FWES Spring Fair is Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6PM-8PM, more information and pre-order forms coming home next Friday.
- Fifth grade update (Ginny Vitella): Flag football will be held once again starting Monday. Additionally, the fifth grade will once again present a play, this year it will be “Hercules.” Rehearsals will be after school under the direction of Basha Gardner and fifth grade parent volunteers. The show is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Michelle Haggerty thanked the following on behalf of the PTA:**

- Pam Olshefski, Jackie Reynolds, Trish Menszak, Shawn McAleer, Richard DiMarco and Ryan White for another fun and successful Trivia Night.
- Jenny Anderson, and Donna Murphy for a fun 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> dance party, the students had a blast.
- Sandra Atherholt, Lisa Lester and Heather Rudalavage for the great book fair. Many books were bought by students and parents for home and for classrooms. The fair raised over \$9,000, which will give us approximately \$5,000 in scholastic dollars to buy books for the library and classrooms.
- The PTA would like to send an additional thanks to Shawn McAleer, for his continued support of FWES. He has generously given his time and effort to Emcee trivia night, DeeJay for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Dance party and deeJay for Jump Rope for Heart. Fifth grade liaison Ginny Vitella would also like to thank him for his help and consultation in bringing back the play for fifth grade.

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

**\*\*\*Important notification of meeting change\*\*\***

**Please note: The June PTA meeting was able to be moved back to its usual Wednesday evening. It will be held June 8<sup>th</sup>, 7PM in the library.**

*PTA President Michelle Haggerty thanked all for coming and adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.*

Minutes prepared by Mia Payne, on April 16, 2016.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**April 13, 2016**

**Deposits:**

Mod Pizza Dine & Earn:	\$ 208.79
Yearbook:	\$ 101.50
Burning for Learning sponsors	\$ 1250.00
Burning for Learning registration	\$ 315.00
Fifth grade field trip:	\$ 5131.00
Elementary Connections (cash back):	\$ 369.44
Fourth grade field trip:	\$ 1360.00
Book fair petty cash return:	\$ 100.00
Book fair:	\$ 3596.63
Fourth and fifth grade dance party:	\$ 198.50
Transfer and Pay pal from Trivia Night:	\$ 2574.41

**Total:** **\$15205.27**

**Withdrawals:**

Schoolwide gifts total since last report:	\$ 3019.07
Paint for courtyard and wall squares:	\$ 160.41
Science fair:	\$ 73.11
Party Magic (spring fair deposit):	\$ 212.00
ASA supplies:	\$ 149.75
Shining Knights (ASA vendor):	\$ 722.50
Perkiomen Tours (5 <sup>th</sup> grade bus):	\$ 3455.00
Madame Toussaud's Wax Museum (5 <sup>th</sup> trip):	\$ 2800.00
Fourth and Fifth Dance Party:	\$ 89.98
Book Buddy:	\$ 379.58
Burning for Learning prizes:	\$ 133.00
Burning for Learning Entertainment:	\$ 300.00
UDSD bus (1 <sup>st</sup> grade):	\$ 577.70
DJ remainder pay:	\$ 80.00
School store:	\$ 222.00
Trivia Night supplies:	\$ 54.24

UDSD bus (4 <sup>th</sup> grade):	\$ 542.37
Mercer Museum (4 <sup>th</sup> grade):	\$ 817.00
Philly Pretzel (March):	\$ 199.75
PSSA Snacks:	\$ 528.55
Mondauk Park (5 <sup>th</sup> grade picnic):	\$ 45.00
Scholastic:	\$3596.63
Reading Olympics (pizza):	\$ 76.22
Office supplies (stamps):	\$ 47.00
Quarterly sales tax:	\$ 41.85

**Total:** **\$18328.54**