

**Fort Washington Elementary School  
PTA Minutes General Membership Meeting  
December 11, 2018**



*PTA President, Jenny Shapiro, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM*

**Welcome, Jenny Shapiro**

- Jenny Shapiro, PTA President, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Principal's Report, Shawn McAleer**

- PSSA scores are official and may be found at schooldigger.com. PSSA scores show growth in both math and reading.
- Stage Cafe was cancelled in November due to snow. It will be combined with December Stage Cafe on 12/13.
- Mrs. Basset will be out for the remainder of the school year. Interviews are being conducted for her replacement.
- A dead bat was found on the lower playground. Parents of students in contact with the bat were notified.
- AM academy for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade is finished. AM academy for third grade will take place in the Spring.
- A sign-up will go out via listserv on Friday, Dec. 14 for a Family Coding Night at FWES on Thurs., Jan. 10. Only one parent per child may sign up.
- Students will be rewarded for achieving their Patriot Bucks goal for good behavior with a dance party on Dec. 18. Each grade level will enjoy a 30-minute dance party with a photo booth.

**Teacher Liaison Report, Mrs. Zambelli**

- Mrs. Zambelli expressed her support for the PTA

**School Board Report, Sara Rothman**

- The school board recently celebrated students with high scores on the PSSAs. They also honored Suburban Division 1 Champions, the girls cross county, girls tennis and football teams.
- Radon testing is being done in all buildings over the winter
- 17 properties have been identified as potential sites for the bus garage.
- Operations meeting on Dec. 20th will be on factbook live.
- Water tests came back at a safe level of 1ppt (part per trillion) for PFCs.
- All School Board meetings are now streamed live.

**Business Meeting**

- November minutes were approved
- Treasurer's report
- Committees
  1. Assemblies - An author assembly with Eric Wight is scheduled for 12/21.

2. Directory - Jenny Shapiro thanked Lisa Lester for her work on the online directory and Ginny Vitella for her work on the print directory. The print directories will be distributed this week and directoryspot is live.
3. Spirit Wear - There was a distributor mistake with sizing, but orders for everything but sweatshirt blankets will be sent home before winter break. Sweatshirt blankets are delayed and will arrive after the new year. Affected people have been notified by email.
4. ASA - Classes will begin in late January and will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. A flyer with a list of classes will go out Dec. 14. Registration for classes will begin Dec. 21. Jenn Fountain still needs a flag football coordinator.
5. Bingo Night - Will be held Friday, Feb. 1. It is a family event and offer raffles and a small silent auction in addition to bingo. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and bingo begins at 6:45 p.m. Everyone will receive a free raffle ticket on admission. Volunteers are needed. If interested, contact Jenny Anderson.
6. Yearbook - Yearbooks are on sale. An online link is included in the weekly PTA email. A promotional flyer will go home in January. There will be a prize for the class with the most orders.
7. FWESBetterTogether - MLK Day of service will take place at the high school on Jan. 21. The FWES No Place for Hate group will make posters with MLK quotes to be displayed at the High School.
8. Big Strides - Big Strides is running even in winter weather. Volunteers are welcome.
9. Members of the African-American/Black Families Committee will visit FWES and read books to FWES classes.

#### **Announcements**

- ASA (After School Activities) January 29-March 12 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) Packets with more information about classes and sign-ups will be sent home shortly.
- Next PTA Meeting (New Date): Monday, January 7th @ 7:00 PM
- Save the date for Family Bingo Night: Friday February 1st. Doors open at 6:00pm, Bingo starts at 6:45 PM.

#### **Thank You**

- Lisa Lester and Ginny Vitella for the PTA directory
- Jenny Shapiro and Christina Sunday for coordinating the Turkey Trot
- Maureen Ryan and Laurie Guagliardo for the Holiday Shop
- Sherri Gregg, Brandi Greiner, and Allison Claxton for Spirit Wear
- Melissa Corcoran for MaGerk's Dine and Earn

*Jenny Shapiro thanked all for coming and adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM*

Minutes prepared by Melissa Frelich, Lisa Lester and Sandra Atherholt.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: December 11, 2018 PTA Meeting**

Date	Type	Num	Description	Amount
<b>Deposited Income</b>				
11/13/2018	DEPOSIT		Kidstuff Deposit #1	3,825.00
11/13/2018	DEPOSIT		Welcome Packets - redeposit returned checks (with fees)	139.00
11/13/2018	DEPOSIT		Chipotle Fall 2018 Dine & Earn	488.15
11/13/2018	DEPOSIT		Trivia Night Fall 2018	1,180.00
11/30/2018	DEPOSIT		Welcome Packet - late deposit (discounted pretzels)	33.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,665.15</b>
<b>Adjustments/Transfers</b>				
11/11/2018	ADJUSTMENT	7434	Trivia Night tables & cheats transfer from Paypal (net w 67.95 offees)	2,816.05
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,816.05</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>				<b>\$ 8,481.20</b>
<b>Checks</b>				
11/11/2018	CHECK	1638	Jenny Shapiro, Room Parent Lunch (Costco 09.25.18) & Mystery Science (school license #26928)	645.87
11/11/2018	CHECK	1639	Shawn McAleer, Wawa Gift Cards (Mac Buck rewards for PBIS) 30 \$5 cards	150.00
11/11/2018	CHECK	1640	Daniel Green, Crutchfield Order 43461624 blue tooth Harman Kardon BTA 10	59.99
11/14/2018	CHECK	1641	Kidstuff Coupon Books, FOR834272 Fort Washington Elem Fall Kidstuff Sales 152 less 27 online	1,562.50
11/18/2018	CHECK	1642	Adam Zlotfel, Inv 1363B FWES Yearbook Cover	100.00
11/18/2018	CHECK	1643	Wight Knight Productions, Inc., Inv 1 11/13/18 Fort Washington Elem Author Presentations 12/21 Assemblies	800.00
11/18/2018	CHECK	1644	The African American Museum in Philadelphia, Reservation 10334974 Travelling Truck Fort Washington Elem 2/4/19 Assemblies	450.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,768.36</b>
<b>Adjustments/Transfers</b>				
11/1/2018	ADJUSTMENT	7433	Trivia Night Petty Cash Withdrawal	100.00
11/1/2018	ADJUSTMENT	7436	Returned check fees (#4003 & 166 - Welcome Packets)	30.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>				<b>\$ 3,898.36</b>