



**Fort Washington Elementary School PTA Minutes  
General Membership Meeting  
April 19, 2017**

*PTA President Debbie Rothkopf called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. A quorum was established.*

**Principal's Report, Shawn McAleer**

- The school ordered additional radios to use for communication for safety drills, etc. There will be an off-site evacuation drill in May.
- On April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM there will be a tree planting ceremony by the Tree & Shade Commission for Arbor Day.
- For UDHS Seniors who went to FWES, there will be the annual Senior Reception on June 7, at 3PM, and "Seniors Walk the Halls" on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- PSSA's will be starting soon, only six students are opting out of testing.
- Stage Café will likely be the first or last Thursday of the month and will be for just a parent or guardian and the student.

**Teacher/Staff Liaison, Tara Brady (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)**

**School Board Report, Sara Rothman**

- School district members will be going to Harrisburg and to Washington D.C., to meet with legislators about public education and education advocacy.
- Transportation policy change/enforcement of the one mile radius for busing. One mile for elementary school, one and a half miles middle school and two miles for high school.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> is primary race and running unopposed for a school board position is Titia Scherpbier.

**School Board Candidate Titia Scherpbier**

- Current candidate for the Upper Dublin School Board
- Lives in Fort Washington and her children all attended FWES and graduated from UDHS.
- High school math teacher and previously a Cancer and Human Genome Research Scientist and Analyst
- Would like to hear from parents what they are happy about, and any questions or concerns they have that are relevant to the school board.
- The primary election is on May 16th. There are 4 positions and 4 other candidates: Mark Sirota (the only incumbent), Amy Francek, Stan Ropski.

**Business Meeting:**

- March minutes were unanimously approved.
- PTA Treasurer Sherri Gregg gave her report (follows).
- The new PTA Nominating Committee presented the slate for next year's PTA board for approval. Debbie Rothkopf (President), Jenny Shapiro (1<sup>st</sup> VP), Sherri Gregg (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Marion Butcher (3<sup>rd</sup> VP), Lisa Lester (4<sup>th</sup> VP), Katie Reilly (Treasurer) and Sandra Atherholt (Secretary). The new board was unanimously approved and will be effective June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The PTA board presented next year's budget proposal.

**Announcements and Committees:**

- Jump Rope for Heart is Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM, weather permitting.
- Burning for Learning is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- A Chick Fil A Dine & Earn is April 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> at the Montgomeryville location
- The Spring Fair is Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 6-8PM.

**Thank You:**

- Sandra Atherholt and Lisa Lester for the Book Fair.
- Sandra Atherholt and Jen Iannitti for the Yearbook.
- Sherri Gregg and Julia Watt for Spirit Wear.

*Debbie Rothkopf thanked all for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.*

The next PTA meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the library.

Minutes prepared by Mia Payne, on April 27, 2017.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**April 19, 2017**

**Deposits:**

Pretzels:	\$ 27.00
Garden Project:	2200.00
Trivia	290.00
School Store	241.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade field trip	2176.50
Bingo auction	35.00
Book fair	3966.32
Book fair petty cash return	120.00
Burning for Learning sponsorships	5350.00

**Total:** **\$14405.82**

**Withdrawals/Checks:**

UDSD 2nd grade bus	\$ 654.08
Adventure Aquarium	1992.01
Teacher luncheon	193.50
Website renewals	584.41
UDSD Kindergarten bus	308.17
Party Magic (Spring Fair)	894.38
Box top shipping/January winner	31.94
Music field trip pretzels	30.00
Pretzel bags	29.46
ASA stipend/reimbursements	3428.83
Assembly	750.00
Scholastic Book Fair	2022.33
Book Buddy	153.30
Beautification	42.49
National Aquarium	3027.10
Phillie Phanatic	300.00
Soft Pretzels	394.75
Longwood Gardens	1170.00
PSSA snacks	449.24
Office supplies (stamps)	49.00

Petty cash (Book Fair)	120.00
PA Sales tax	40.15
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$16706.98</b>

Book Fair Profit: \$1943.99

ASA profit: \$5905.57