

Bluffsview PTA Minutes

September 23, 2014

Donna Kelley Memorial Library

Persons in attendance: Angie O'Brien, Angie Vantell, Kelly Needleman, Cindy Fox, Stacy Fields, Jennifer Economus, Pam Dickman, Lori Lavery, Robin Emami, Suzann VanNasdale, Dean VanNasdale, Michele Gilley, Megan Mott, Samantha Wayne, Pamela Snow, Mary Jane Jimenez, Molly Yeager, Liz Shafran, Ali Watson, Sarah Cofer, Julie Lovegrove, Erin Donnelly, Kelly Campbell, Chrissy Palmer, Jennifer Oswald, Sarah Caccamise, Shelley Horn, Rose McLean, Beth Frech, Michelle Popelmayer, Brenda Gerschutz

President Yeager called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Officers' Reports

1st Vice President, Kelly Needleman - No Report

2nd Vice President, Cindy Fox : District Report Card results to be discussed in detail on October 21st meeting beginning at 645P

Treasurer, Mary Jane Jimenez: Presented Budget report and expense/income report. Motion to approve and passed.

Secretary, Angie O'Brien: Minutes from May Approved

Teacher representative: Megan Mott and Michele Gilley –

1. Welcome back and Thanks for all technology additions provided from the PTA for the new school year.
2. New addition to the library “Mrs Collins Corner” mural in dedication to Karen Collins. Planning a formal dedication the evening of Family Fun Night for Bluffsview families, both present and alumn.

Worthington Board of Education Rep, Robin Emami: Meetings held on Sept 8 and Sept 24. No minutes posted to website regarding meeting as of today.

Core Curriculum Committee Rep, Marla Williams: not present, no report.

Worthington PTA Council Rep, Jennifer Economus: First meeting set for September 24, 2014

Old Business

- **Market Day** – Pre-made meals for families are available throughout the year. Families are able to purchase and pick up at the school on a certain day and 10% of total purchase is given to Bluffsview Elementary
- **Girls on the Run** –A transformational physical activity based positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-8th grade developed to teach life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The program culminates with the girls being physically and

emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k running event. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness

New Business

- **Family Fun Night** – Explanation of event to newcomers. To be held Thursday, October 16, 2014 6-8P. Needleman is point person for event. Band hired “Endless Recess,” numerous food trucks, spirit wear sales and Bake Sale from the 6th grade class.

- **PTA Committees** – In need of Chairperson for the Magazine Sale position.. Shelley Horn accepted position and was approved

- **Recruitment** – Ideas regarding how to encourage membership and participation:
 1. Utilizing PTA website www.bluffsvie.org
 2. Adding a FAQs page to the opening of website in the late Spring/Early Fall
 3. Kindergarten “Welcome Packet” that isn’t as overwhelming arrives in the Spring prior to school ending
 4. Possible “Buddy System” with current K parents partnering with incoming K parents to answer questions and concerns
 5. Curriculum night for Kindergarten families as well as “Meet the Teacher.”
 6. Parent “Support Group” with specific emails to current parents

- **Boys Scout Pack Liaison, Sam Wayne** – PTA is currently a Chartered Organization. Request made to continue using Bluffsvie as a site for 2x/month meetings; no funding needed; they also will continue to provide “Day of Beautification” at the school; question to have popcorn sales at the Family Fun Night. Motion requested and Passed.

- **WKHS Scholarship Donation** – Reading of request letter by President Molly Yeager. Amount due \$350 already accounted for in the budget. Motion requested and passed.

- **Traffic Concerns** – Ongoing problem w/ pick up and drop off before and after school. Specific example of a Situation on 9/23/14 with oil truck left running while blocking entrance of school created traffic issues. Solution suggestions:
 1. Call the traffic line at designated times to try to get a solution from authorities. Number given to PTA 614-645-3111. Ask to call at the time of pick up and drop off as many times as possible to make report
 2. Re-evaluate the drop off process and traffic flow in order to increase safety of all students and parents.

- **Landscaping** – Discussing to continue using outside source as the “volunteer” method has proven to only remedy the situation short term. Possibly looking for funding from the school board for future.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 7:00pm with special presentation from Mrs. Fox starting at 6:45pm