

**White Oaks Elementary  
PTA Meeting  
October 9, 2018**

The meeting convened at 7:05 pm at the White Oaks cafeteria

Open board position for President Elect; if anyone is interested please contact Sarah Tran.

Reviewed September meeting minutes. Motion to pass minutes from Bel Hanson, seconded by Liz Casteel, motion passed by membership vote.

Old Business

Membership: currently 158 members, including 18 faculty

Room parent meeting: If you are a room parent and did not receive the minutes from the meeting please contact Sandra Guaqueta.

Fall festival this Friday night at Burke Nursery. You can purchase the discount tickets at the door if you did not pre-order.

Spirit wear: currently 133 shirts and 32 magnets have been ordered. Deadline to submit orders is this Friday. Great show of spirit from White Oaks, will discuss possibility of having another student design contest for next years spirit wear later in the spring.

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed and approved by membership vote.

New Business

Bingo: Bel Hanson will be Bingo chair again this year. We have reserved Lake Braddock Secondary School for Friday 2/22. This year the school is charging custodial fees to all non-LBSS organizations. The fee is \$320. We would be required to pay the fee to hold event at Lake Braddock. Discussed some possibilities of how we could raise the additional funds for the fee (selling the drink portion of the concessions, raising the bingo card packet price by \$1). White Oaks space too small to have everyone in one area (cafeteria or gym) based on previous years attendance. Motion passed to add \$320 to the expenses for Bingo night. Will make decision on how to raise those funds at future meeting.

Introduction of Committee Chairs:

- Extracurricular clubs- Sona Guerrero and Jamie Markogiannakis
- Emotional Wellness- Sheelagh Cabalda, working on having a speaker in January for parents and scheduling a training for parents on how to handle mental health in kids
- Advocacy- Shaw Skurnick, working with the VA PTA for education advocacy for with state and county government and local school board.
- Directory- Jessica Jedlicka, using online directory again this year, email will be coming this week to confirm/ update information or opt-out.
- Volunteer coordinator- OPEN, to work with the front office on an as needed basis when volunteers are needed (i.e. picture day, etc.)
- Reflections- Michelle Linett, flyer went home about this national student art competition, it's also available on the PTA website. Deadline is 10/26. Also looking for a volunteer to help turn in the artwork to the county on 11/8 or 11/9.
- Family Fun Nights- OPEN, planning movie nights, yoga night, etc.
- Spring Festival/ Grand Re-opening- Christina Eagle
- Military support/ welcome committee- Kathy Alsina
- Teacher/ Staff Appreciation- Andrea Marquina

- Book Fair- Patty Onks and Karen Smith. Fall fair will be held 10/29-11/2 in the library with an Enchanted Forest theme. Sign up for volunteers to help younger students write their wish lists and with sales during buying times will go out in email, is also available on FB page and PTA website. Tuesday 10/30 will be family night when the fair will be open until 8 pm. Be on the lookout for Nigel the Gnome who will be granting student and teachers wishes at the fair.
- Original Artworks- OPEN. This is an opportunity to have artwork made by your student on mugs, calendars, framed, etc. We need a coordinator to work with the art department to make this happen, if we don't have anyone then we will not be able to offer it.
- Election Day Bake Sale- Liz Casteel. Volunteer signup available on PTA website, on FB page and sent home in email. We will be setting up a table on 11/6 at White Oaks to fundraise from the local community who vote at our school. Donations of baked goods from local stores or can be donated by parents.
- Armchair Fundraiser- Danielle Burgos. Flyer is ready to go, will be sent home 11/9 with a deadline of 11/30. Main fundraiser to support school requested books for the classroom leveled reading libraries. The funds raised will go back to the school for books. We are also looking at setting aside a portion of the funds raised to have an author come speak to the students. Nothing to sell, nothing to keep track of, just fill out the form and send in your donation.
- ByLaws- OPEN, we need to update our PTA Bylaws this year. If you are interested in helping with this process please let us know.

#### Watch DOGS Report

Joey Eom reported on a great turnout for the pizza with dad event, 79 attendees. The Watch DOGS are here to serve and if committee chairs need assistance please reach out. They will be at the upcoming Fall Festival, Book Fair and Veteran's Day Breakfast. Also looking to do a donuts with dad event in the spring and the possibility of more social events of dad's night out, or other father/ child events such as bowling. If interested in getting more information about please contact Joey at wopta.watchdogs@gmail.com

#### Technology- Mr. Rever

Technology specialist at White Oaks, been teaching here for 20 years. Main role is to assist teachers incorporate technology in lessons and the classroom. Teaches 2<sup>nd</sup> grade computer specials, does social media for the school and is the teacher liaison for the Student Council.

- WOES is a leading school in the county in technology access, having 3 laptops per classroom, 1 computer lab, 19 mobile carts with 19 laptops each, 12 MBots, interactive projectors, document cameras in every classroom, and a 3D printer.
- Teaching digital citizenship, county wide digital citizenship week 10/15-19 dealing with safe online behavior, online bullying and copy-right issues. Students will sign a pledge card on proper online behavior guidelines.
- School uses MS Office and G suite (Google docs and Google classroom), Blackboard, SIS, Horizon for online testing, online textbooks
- FCPS has STEAM Kits available for checkout so will be using different ones throughout the year
- Free apps for kids to use available through the school website under student links/ resources (Wixie, MyOn, Pebble Go, World Book) All kids have password card with their sign in information to be able to use these apps for free.
- SCA organizes Spirit Days, Souper Bowl can food drive, mitten drive, poster contests for the classrooms. The kids can also help committee chairs making signs for events or announcing it in the morning.

Please check out our website [www.whiteoakspta.net](http://www.whiteoakspta.net) and Facebook group, White Oaks PTA, as they are great ways to get information about what is happening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm